

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Clinton Township School District facilities belongs to the community, which paid for them for the primary purpose of offering a full educational program for its children. Prudent use and management of school facilities outside of the regular operating schedules--providing that such use does not interfere with the orderly conduct of a thorough and efficient system of education--allows the community to benefit more broadly from the use of its own property.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested in writing and has been approved by the Superintendent or Designee for:

- A. Uses and groups directly related to the school and the operations of the school;
- B. Uses and organizations indirectly related to the school;
- C. Departments or agencies of the municipal government;
- D. Community organizations formed for charitable, civic or educational purposes.

The use of school facilities shall not be granted for the advantage of any commercial or profit-making organization, private social functions, personal use or any purpose, which is prohibited by law.

In the event the Superintendent or Designee deems it advisable, any application may be submitted to the Board of Education for action.

The Superintendent, Designee or Board of Education may refuse to grant the use of a school building whenever in their judgment there is good reason why permission should be refused.

Smoking is prohibited at all times in any district building or on school grounds. For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means inhaling the burning or vapor of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, electronic smoking device or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco. Chewing tobacco is also specifically prohibited by this policy. No one may bring alcoholic beverages onto any school property. All facility use shall comply with state and local fire, health, safety and police regulations.

The buildings shall not be available for community use during holidays, vacation periods, or during the time school is not in session over the summer when the programs interfere with cleaning and maintenance schedules.

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted by the procedure by which permission to use facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept liability for any damage to or loss of such equipment that occurs while it is in use. Where rules so specify, no item of district equipment may be used except by a qualified operator.

Use of district equipment on the premises by non-school personnel is limited to the equipment that is an integral part of the facility being used, i.e., the basketball baskets in the gym. Non-district personnel shall not remove any district equipment from the premises for use.

The Board shall require that all users of school facilities comply with policies of this Board and the rules and regulations of this district. Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by such rules.

The Board will approve a fee schedule for the approved use of school facilities according to the following:

- A. The use of school facilities for activities directly related to the educational program and the Board goals and objectives;
- B. All other organizations or people approved to use school facilities shall be charged a fee for the use of school facilities and any staff required to be present during the approved period of use.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group or organization nor the purposes they represent.

Animals

Pets are not permitted on school grounds during or after school operational hours without the permission of the Building Principal. Off-leash dogs seen wandering around school grounds without an owner shall be reported to animal control.

Playgrounds

The Board shall permit the playgrounds to be used as a recreational area by the community when school is NOT in session. The Board reserves the right to limit the use of playground equipment and the hours when the playground may be used when it is in the interest of the safety of district residents and the integrity of the school facility.

The rules of conduct, which shall govern all persons who use the schools' facilities, shall be published and available to the community. Students and employees of the district who violate these rules will be subject to discipline. Any person who violates Board policy may be requested to leave the school premises.

Vehicles and Motorized Toys

Because of the potential for hazard, no vehicles or toys that are powered by fuel or battery shall be brought onto the school grounds for any purpose that is primarily recreational, without the express permission of the principal. Such vehicles and toys include, but are not limited to, mini-bikes, mopeds, snowmobiles, motorized scooters, motorized model airplanes or other flying or driving toys, and rockets.

Any individual driving a car or motorcycle on school grounds shall operate their vehicle according to all traffic laws and drive or park in designated areas only. Vehicle operators violating Board policy shall be reported to local law enforcement.

Political Activity

As used in this section, "school property" shall mean a building or buildings used for school operations.

Candidates for elective public office, holders of elected public office or their agent or representative are prohibited from soliciting campaign contributions on school property. No person shall make contributions, directly or indirectly, to or on behalf of any candidate for elective public office, or the candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any such candidate, while on school property.

This shall not apply to persons or groups reserving or renting school property for a non-governmental purpose as a meeting location.

Any person in violation of this policy may be reported to the Election Law Enforcement Commission and liable to a penalty of not less than \$5000, for each violation.

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