

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the School Committee's desire that use of school property be enjoyed by the townspeople. It is the Committee's intent that such use will maintain safe conditions and preserve the property for school program use. Availability of school facilities may be reduced during periods of high maintenance and usage.

Use of school buildings and other facilities by organizations will be permitted only when a worthy educational, civic, or charitable purpose will be served; or a substantial group of citizens from the community will be benefited.

School facilities will be used according to the regulations and rental fee schedules recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

Permission for the use of facilities must be obtained through the office of the Superintendent of Schools, where applications are available for this purpose.

Eligibility

School facilities will be available for the following:

1. Public school activities
2. Parent-teacher activities
3. Official town public hearings and political activities
4. Meetings and activities sponsored by the School Committee and school personnel
5. Parks and playgrounds activities
6. Local nonprofit and noncommercial organization activities
7. Metropolitan civic, educational, social, and religious organization activities if a substantial portion of the members are residents of the town
8. The activities of other organizations

School and Town Preference

The priority given requests for use of school facilities will be as follows:

1. School activities
2. Town meetings and elections over other community activities
3. Parks and playgrounds
4. Other community activities
5. Private groups

The procedures to obtain approval to use school buildings and grounds and the regulations for this use will be contained in the appropriate application form.

Except in unusual circumstances, school grounds shall not be reserved for use by any one group but will be kept as open play areas.

Priority for the use of buildings and grounds for other than school use will be given to official Town activities.

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