

Community Relations

Use of School Facilities

Since school buildings and grounds are public property, the Orange Board of Education may make them available for purposes other than education when they are not in use for school purposes.

The Orange Board of Education shall grant the use of school facilities for activities of an educational, cultural, civic, social, recreational, governmental or general political nature and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest when such use does not interfere with school programs or school sponsored activities.

Consistent with this policy the Superintendent, and or his/her designee, shall approve and schedule the use of school facilities by an individual or group and shall develop guidelines for community use of the schools. Fees shall be set annually by the Orange Board of Education for the use of the facilities, including for necessity of after-hours or weekend custodians and security monitors. Groups desiring continuing use of facilities must reapply annually. The Superintendent will maintain a list of school facilities usage by non-district groups or individuals. (See 3515.)

Types of Activities Which Will Not be Permitted

1. Any purpose in conflict with the mission or goals of the school district.
2. Fund-raising campaigns except as permitted by the Superintendent.
3. Activities which are unlawful in nature.

(cf. [0000](#) - Mission and Function)

(cf. 0200 - Goals and Objectives)

(cf. 1314 - Soliciting Funds from and by School Personnel)

(cf. [1324](#) - Soliciting Funds from and by Students)

(cf. [3515](#) - Facilities Use)

(cf. 6145 - Extra-Class Activities: Limited Open Forum)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-239](#) Use of school facilities for other purposes

PA 97-290 An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities

Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. ss 4071-4074

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, Sup.Ct., 6-11-01

20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained
in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

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