

Community Relations

**USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES**

Application for Use of Facilities

Any persons applying for the use of any District facility or grounds on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall have authorization from the society, group, or organization to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of District facilities or grounds shall submit a statement of information indicating that the organization upholds the state and federal constitutions and does not intend to use District premises to commit unlawful acts.

Civic Center Use

Subject to District policies and regulations, District facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes: (Education Code 32282, 38131)

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings.
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest.
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization.
4. Child care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age.

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care)*

5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies.
6. Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited to, sports league activities that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination.
7. A community youth center.

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8. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergency Procedures Plan)*

9. A ceremony, patriotic celebration, or related educational assembly conducted by a veterans' organization.

A veterans' organization means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, or other duly recognized organization of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines of the United States or any of their territories. (Military and Veterans Code 1800)

10. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Governing Board.

The District may grant the use of facilities on those days on which public schools are closed. (Education Code 37220)

*(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)*

Restrictions

District facilities or grounds shall not be used for any of the following activities.

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law.
2. Any use that is inconsistent with the use of the facility for school or District purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or District work.
3. Any use that involves the possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances, including tobacco use.

*(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools/Smoking)*

The District may exclude certain facilities from non-school use for safety or security reasons.

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Damage and Liability

Persons, groups, or organizations using District facilities or grounds shall be liable for any property damages caused by the activity. The Board may charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the person, group, or organization further use of District facilities or grounds.

Any person, group, or organization using District facilities or grounds shall be liable for any injuries resulting from its negligence during such use, shall bear the cost of insuring against this risk, and shall defend itself against claims arising from this risk. (Education Code 38134)

Persons, groups, or organizations shall provide the District with evidence of insurance against claims arising out of their own negligence. Persons, groups, or organizations shall also be required to include the District as an additional insured on their liability policies for claims arising out of their own negligence.

As permitted, the Superintendent/designee may require a hold harmless agreement and indemnification when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facility being used.