

# BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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### POLICY 2060-550 PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education recognizes that school facilities represent a major public investment and should be available for public use to the greatest extent possible. This The following policy applies to all rentals of School District facilities except those for which the School Board has entered into a separate Joint Use Agreement.

The policy regarding community/public use of School District facilities shall be based on the following premise:

- 1. The School Board's first consideration for the use of school District facilities is to meet the needs of students and school programs during daytime periods and such evening and weekend periods as may be required.
- 2. The Board agrees, however, that school facilities should be used as extensively as possible by community/public organizations and other groups when not required for District educational programs. Preference will be given to activities of educational, cultural or recreational value and to children's groups.
- 3. The School Board considers that The the schedule of fees and accompanying terms and conditions for community use of school facilities should are be governed by the following several principles:considerations:
  - Need for recognition by all groups of building-related costs.
  - Need for adequate control of use by School District officials.
  - —Provision of graduated fees, with lowest rates charged to student-related activities and highest to private or commercial activities.

### Guidelines

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- 1. When school facilities are not required for District purposes, preference will be given to activities of educational, cultural or recreational value for children and youth groups.
- 4.2. The following priorities shall apply to community/public use of school buildings, grounds and facilities:

#### 1.1. Educational

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- 1.2. A<u>an</u> logical extension of the Board's educational programs <u>and any</u>, e.g. school co curricular programs (free usage between 3:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. or one hour before the custodial shift ends on school days).
- 1.3.1.1. Aapproved education or any other focused group, e.g. Fire Suppression classes.

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- 4.5.1.2. Cultural/Recreational <u>Use</u>: <u>including</u> cultural learning or physical <u>or mental</u> <u>well-being.fitness</u>
- <u>1.6.1.3.</u> Community Service: including -service clubs, <u>fund-raising events</u>, <u>government and community agencies</u>, class reunions, recognized political <u>groupsactivities</u>, <u>and appropriate celebrations.etc.</u>

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1.8.1.4. Other <u>Use</u>: <u>including</u> - <u>Pp</u>rivate and/or <u>for-out of town</u> profit-<u>making</u> programs, commercial organizations, <u>government agencies</u>, <u>and</u>-religious groups. <u>, Private private recreational</u> teaching or instruction<u>al</u> of <u>recreational</u> activities other than those covered by the Recreation Commission.

School facilities will not be available for personal celebrations.

NOTE: Individuals or organizations sponsoring activities for recreational use or physical fitness may be sponsored through the Recreation Commission in the Grand Forks Geographical Area, however, arrangements for use of gymnasiums will be booked by the school office in liaison with the Recreation Director. Use of grounds is to be arranged through the Recreation Commission. Contact the Recreation Commission at 250 442 2202. It is to be noted that the Board's policy and regulations apply to the use of grounds.

Collective Agreement References: Nil

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