

PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Background

District facilities are public assets that may be available for use on a rental basis provided that school programs and activities are not compromised.

Procedures

1. The following principles apply to all rentals of District facilities except those for which the Board has entered into a separate joint-use agreement.
 - 1.1. The District's first consideration for the use of school facilities is to meet the needs of students and school programs during daytime periods and such evening and weekend periods as may be required.
 - 1.2. The District agrees, however, that school facilities may be used as extensively as possible by community organizations and other groups when not required for District educational and/or extra-curricular programs. Preference will be given to activities of educational, recreational or cultural value and to children's groups.
 - 1.3. The District considers that the schedule of fees and accompanying terms and conditions for community use of school facilities are to be governed by several principles:
 - 1.3.1. Need for recognition by all groups of building, booking and insurance costs.
 - 1.3.2. Need for adequate control of use by District officials.
 - 1.3.3. Provision of graduated fees, with lowest rates charged to student related activities and highest to private or commercial activities.

Reference: Sections 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Liquor Control and Licensing Act
Disposal of Land or Improvements Order M193/08
School Opening and Closure Order M194/08

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