POLICY: 800.1

Use of District Facilities

All District facilities are primarily established for the use of the public schools and shall not be used to promote private gain or for any purpose that will conflict with public school use. District facilities and equipment will be made available to local entities which promote cultural, educational, civic, community, or recreational activities. It is understood that such use shall be for community purposes or the promotion of valuable community activities only and that any program presented will have worth-while educational or cultural values and be free from objectionable qualities. Such use will be permitted only when the use does not interfere with or disrupt the educational program or a school-related activity, the use is consistent with state law, and will end normally not later than midnight.

When facilities are used for such purposes by any organization in the community, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make such charges as will compensate the District for use, basing the charges upon the purpose for which the property is to be used, the extent of the use and the extent of public interest in its use and the cost of serving such proposed use. The board reserves the right to deny use of the facilities and equipment to any entity.

The use of District facilities is not normally permitted on Sundays and recognized district holidays, days school is canceled due to inclement weather, or periods of extended instructional break such as spring break and winter break. It is within the discretion of the superintendent to allow use of District facilities and equipment on Sundays and District Holidays, school cancelations due to inclement weather, or periods of extended instructional break such as spring break and winter break. All facilities usage is contingent upon the availability of adequate personnel.

Employees are not permitted to use District facilities for personal gain or private purpose.

District vehicles and equipment are excluded from this policy.

Political meetings open to the general public are within the defined use and may be held in District facilities as long as discrimination is not tolerated. The District will cooperate with local governmental and non-profit agencies to make the facilities available for properly planned and supervised recreational activities.

The District will cooperate with emergency management officials in emergency situations.

It is within the discretion of the board to allow for-profit entities to use District facilities and equipment.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop a fee schedule for the board's annual approval and to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.