

## USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The district believes that public schools are owned and operated by and for the community. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but will be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. On recommendation of the superintendent, the board will set the rental rates schedule.

The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities will maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.

The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs.

For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into four categories:

**GROUP I – Student Educational Activity Groups** – This group is limited to Finley School District sponsored student educational activities including curricular and co-curricular groups and activities (i.e.: athletics, dances, before and after school programs, etc.). These programs and activities shall retain first priority in use of all school district facilities and equipment.

**GROUP II – School or Child-Related Groups or Other Government Agencies** – This group includes organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of boys and girls or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTA, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. When facilities are used outside of regular school hours, or the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, to be established by the superintendent will be charged to recoup those costs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600

**GROUP III – Nonprofit Groups** includes those organizations, which might wish to use school facilities for lectures, promotional activities, rallies, entertainment, college courses, or other activities for which public halls, or commercial facilities generally are rented or owned. The district will charge a rental rate in excess of costs incurred, except that such excess charges may be waived when a service club or other nonprofit group is raising funds for charitable purposes. To be granted this exception, the charitable organization must be recognized by the Philanthropic Division of the Better Business Bureau. Professional fundraisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fund-raisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities. Similar treatment may be granted public universities and colleges when offering college courses within the community or when any university/college is offering a course for staff at the re-

quest of the district. Nonprofit groups of the kind that in most communities have their own facilities (churches, lodges, veterans groups, granges, etc.) who wish to use district facilities on a regular, but temporary, basis may do so under this rental rate, but for no more than two years and may not average more than twelve hours of use per week.

**GROUP IV – Non-Community and/or Commercial Enterprises** include profit-making organizations and business-related enterprises. While the district would prefer these organizations use commercial or private facilities, facilities may be rented for nonregular use at the prevailing rate charged by commercial facilities in the area.

District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities will not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs
	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	RCW 28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of play-grounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
	RCW 28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
	20 USC Sec. 7905	Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act
	34 CFR Sec. 108.6	Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and other Designated Youth Group
	AGO 1973 No. 26,	Initiative No. 276 - School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections

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