

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

School facilities may be used by responsible organizations for activities that are consistent with federal, state and local laws and with policies and regulations of the Board.

It is the intent of the Board of Education to make the school buildings and properties available to civic, community, patriotic and school organizations when such use does not interfere with school business or activities. Any user of school buildings or properties shall be responsible for returning the building or property to its original state of repair and cleanliness when finished. Expenses incurred because of use of the buildings or properties shall be borne by the user. In the use of the buildings or properties by those organizations, it shall also be understood that a custodial person will be in attendance and the School District will be reimbursed for the use of custodial personnel who must open and close the buildings at night.

Established churches may also, in cases of emergencies or catastrophes, request use of the buildings. The Board of Education shall re-evaluate each use period that exceeds 5 consecutive weeks.

TOBACCO USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A tobacco-free facility will provide a healthier, cleaner and safer environment for employees, students, visitors and patrons. Use of tobacco products at school facilities conflicts with the schools' goals of setting high standards and providing good role models for students.

In recognition of repeated warnings from the Surgeon General that being in close proximity to a smoke-filled environment can create potential health hazards, smoking or use of tobacco or products containing tobacco in any form in or on any property owned or leased by the Fort Smith School District, including school buses, is prohibited.

The Fort Smith School District has available to staff members information on tobacco use cessation programs and products.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES--RENTALS

Subject to meeting the conditions stated in Policy KF and upon payment of rental charges, certain parts of school buildings, grounds, or athletic fields of the Fort Smith School District may be used by organizations or groups for meetings intended for recreation, self-improvement, or community improvement.

Rental charges shall be determined in consideration of the size and type facility and shall include personnel costs necessitated by the use. Events for which admission is charged may require payment of up to ten percent (10%) of gross receipts. Rental charges and personnel charges shall be established by administrative rule consistent with prevailing costs of operation. The superintendent of schools may waive rental charges for local not-for-profit school support organizations.

Applications for facility use shall be made to the superintendent of schools or his or her designee. The rental of the building or property shall be, after consultation with the principal, decided by the superintendent or his or her designee.

Each non school use of facilities shall be documented by a use agreement in advance of the date of the event.

The Board of Education reserves the right to refuse the rental of school buildings and properties.

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SOLICITATIONS IN SCHOOLS

The Board of Education discourages activities that involve students in solicitation for fund-raising programs that are not school related. The administration will avoid exploiting students and/or staff members through overt advertising or otherwise promoting products or services, soliciting funds or information or securing participation in non-school related activities.

Participation or endorsement of contests, fund-raising efforts or other projects which would reduce the available instructional time at any level is discouraged. The administrative staff will carefully evaluate any requests in this regard.

No solicitation of funds may be conducted in any school without the written approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

SELLING OF TICKETS

The selling of tickets in school buildings for any activity other than those which are building-specific must have the approval of the District administration. PTA programs or programs which concern only a particular school are routine matters and will be routed through the principal of the school.

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COLLECTION OF MONEY OR OTHER ITEMS

Collection of funds or other items which are not building-site specific will not be made in the school except on approval of the District administration. This approval will only be granted after a written application has been submitted and reviewed.

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