

3.7.5 COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Public school facilities are the property of the citizens. The Davidson County Board of Education recognizes the community schools concept -that learning is a lifelong process and that school facilities should be used to the fullest extent for educational, recreational, social and cultural purposes. Such utilization of school facilities should be available not only to school age children, but also to all adult citizens of the school community. In order to provide for orderly use of school facilities and protect the public investment in these facilities and equipment, the following guidelines and procedures shall govern the use of the Davidson County School's facilities.

2. GRANTING OF APPROVAL

The educational program and activities of Davidson County School students are of prime concern; therefore, they will have first priority for the use of school facilities. School facilities will be made available to the public on a scheduled basis. The right is given to the director of school/community relations and the local school principal to refuse use of school facilities when improper use is in evidence.

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 115C-527, political parties recognized by the Board of Elections of the County or State, may be allowed to use the Davidson County School's facilities for the express purpose of annual or biennial precinct meetings and county and district conventions. In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 163-129, school facilities may be used as a polling place on election days.

3. PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING FACILITY USE

All requests for the use of school facilities should be made to the principal of the school whose facility is requested. A Facility Use Application must be completed. The principal then sends the application to the director of school/community relations for final approval. The local school principal is responsible for the overall coordination and scheduling of community use of school facilities.***

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF USER

An adult supervisor (over 21 years of age) must be in attendance at all times to accept responsibility for the following: the care of the school facility and equipment, the conduct of the group using the facility, confining the group's activities to the area and equipment assigned, and vacating premises at arranged time. Adequate arrangements for adult supervision must be cleared with the local principal.***

In the event that the user's group exceeds 300 people, but is less than 500 people, one (1) uniformed law enforcement officer will be required to be on site for crowd as well as traffic control. The number of law enforcement officers shall increase to two (2) for 500 people or more. This will be for Class B users only. It will be the user's responsibility to schedule and compensate any law enforcement officers required by this section. In the event the school contracts with a School

Resource Officer as required by this section, the user shall be responsible for reimbursing the school the School Resource Officer's hourly rate incurred.

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3.7.7 CLASSIFICATION OF FACILITY USERS

CLASS A users do not pay fees for facility use. Class A users are those which sponsor school related activities and include PTA/PTO's, Booster Clubs, and recreational activities sponsored by the Davidson County Recreation Department. The use of facilities by Class A users will be governed by this facility use policy with the exception of the Facility Use Fee Schedule.

- Booster Clubs qualify as a Class A user under this section when their planned use is directly related to the purpose of improving, developing, and supporting extra-curricular activities and/or programs at a particular school or the system as a whole. If it is determined that Booster Clubs are operating outside of these parameters, they will not qualify as a Class A user and will be charged as a Class B user as set forth below.
- All elementary schools will recognize the singular athletic Booster Club that is officially recognized by the Davidson County Parks and Recreation and will have first priority in the use of school facilities over any non-recognized Booster Clubs or associations.

CLASS B users pay facility use fees and are those groups which are non-school affiliated such as civic, social, private or religious groups. The use of facilities by these groups will be governed by this facility use policy and the Facility Use Fee Schedule.

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*** In accordance with Oak Grove High School policy, anyone requesting approval for use of athletic facilities must have a school employee as a sponsor/hired supervisor during athletic facility use. This employee must be in attendance during the entire use of the facility by a Class B user. A class A user will also need a key holder/sponsor/hired supervisor on site during the duration of the facility usage time. Supervisors must be approved by the local principal. Forms and payment for usage will need to be completed at least one week before date of usage for adequate approval processing.