

11400 SCHOOL-COMMUNITY-HOME RELATIONS**11401 COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES**

Community organizations are welcome to use the facilities of the District for worthwhile purposes as long as the use does not interfere with the educational program or a school sponsored activity; **pose a safety risk to students, District employees, or those seeking to use the facilities; interfere with the orderly and efficient operations of the District's schools; or interfere with maintaining the cleanliness of, and preventing damage to, District property.** In the event that the District determines that a requested use **would be contrary to one of the preceding significant interests,** ~~interfere with the educational program or a school sponsored activity,~~ the District may (i) impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on such use in order to ~~alleviate said interference,~~ **protect the District's interest,** with such restrictions including, but not being limited to, requiring the use of District facilities during non-school hours; or (ii) deny the requested use if either reasonable time, place and manner restrictions cannot ~~alleviate the interference~~ **adequately protect the District's interest** or the community organization refuses to abide by restrictions imposed by the District. All requests for building or grounds usage, including athletic fields and facilities, should be initiated through the building principal. A complete listing of charges and policies will be supplied upon request. At a minimum all request forms must specify the portion of the school facilities requested for use; the proposed activity or activities; the number of individuals participating; and the date, time and duration of the proposed event.

Groups/organizations seeking to rent/use District facilities must agree that:

1. Individuals shall not use, access or enter upon any portions of the District facilities not specified in the approved written request form.
2. Individuals shall refrain from any conduct or activities not specifically identified in the approved written request form.
3. All District regulations and procedures will be followed and forms signed as required.
4. Groups/organizations are responsible for liability insurance, parking, security, damage to property other than normal wear and tear and for enforcing all school rules and regulations.
5. ~~Smoking, and~~ **Alcoholic beverages, drugs or weapons will not be permitted on school grounds or in school buildings. Pursuant to Policy 1415, the possession or use of tobacco or vapor products in a school building or on school**

property is prohibited. The definitions of “tobacco” and “vapor product” are contained in Policy 1415 and are incorporated herein by reference.

6. The orders of the principal or designate are official and final.
7. At least one responsible party representing the group shall be on duty prior to the admittance of any participant and remain until all others have departed.
8. A minimum of two people will be in charge of any activity. One additional chaperone shall be required for student activities with over 75 attendees. Every 25 attendees thereafter shall require an additional chaperone. Additional chaperones may be required at the discretion of the District.
9. No gratuities or tipping resulting in individual profit or gain will be allowed.
10. They will promptly pay all bills for any charges which the District determines to apply. Additionally, the group or organization will pay for all personnel who are required to be on hand at or provide services for the event.
11. When and in the manner required by applicable law, prior approval will be received from the PA Department of Environmental Resources if food or beverages are to be served to the public.
12. Requests for use of facilities shall be made thirty (30) days in advance of the use date desired. However, in the discretion of the Superintendent or his or her designee, exceptions may be made in accordance with written procedures developed by the Superintendent or his or her designee.
13. Facilities will not be used for any commercial or profit-making organization **(unless the product or service has an educational purpose that is beneficial to the students of the District and is approved in advance by the building principal)**, for any purpose prohibited by law, or for any purpose that would damage District property.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop and implement written procedures in accordance with this Policy.

The District reserves the right to remove from District property any individual or community group who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Policy and established procedures. In the event an individual or community group violates this policy or the terms under which permission was granted to use District facilities, that individual or community group forfeits the right to submit future written requests to use District facilities, unless otherwise decided by the Superintendent.

1	Revised	-	March 14, 2011; January 4, 2012; May 11, 2015
2	Practice	-	
3	Legal Reference	-	24 P.S. §7-775
4	Cross Reference	-	Policy 11110; Policy 1415