Rocklin Unified School District Board Policy

BP 1330

Community Relations

Use Of School Facilities

The Board of Trustees recognizes that district facilities and grounds are a community resource and authorizes their use by community groups for purposes provided for in the Civic Center Act when such use does not interfere with school facilities.

(cf. 6145.5 – Student Organizations and Equal Access)

All school-related activities shall be given priority in the use of facilities and grounds under the Civic Center Act. Thereafter, the use shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures and regulations for the use of school facilities and grounds that: (Education Code 38133)

- 1. Encourage and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities
- 2. Preserve order in school buildings and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this task, if necessary
- 3. Ensure that the use of school facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with their use for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work

Fees

The Board authorizes the use of school facilities or grounds without charge by nonprofit organizations, clubs or associations organized to promote youth and school activities. These groups include, but are not limited to, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Inc., parent-teacher associations, and school-community advisory councils. Other groups requesting the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act shall be charged at least direct costs.

Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students. (Education Code 38134)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 Community recreation programs

32282 School safety plan

38130-38138 Civic Center Act: use of school property for public purposes

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 Alcoholic beverage on school premises

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7905 Equal access to public school facilities

COURT DECISIONS

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, (2001) 533 U.S. 98

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, (1993) 508 U.S. 384

Cole v. Richardson, (1972) 405 U.S. 676

Connell v. Higgenbotham, (1971) 403 U.S. 207

ACLU of So. Calif. v. Board of Education of Los Angeles, (1961) 55 Cal .2d 167

Ellis v. Board of Education, (1945) 27 Cal.2d 322

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

82 Ops.Cal.AttyGen. 90 (1999)

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 248 (1996)

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

1101.89 School District Liability and "Hold Harmless" Agreements, LO: 4-89

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