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SCOPE OF USE

The District shall permit nonschool use of designated District facilities for educational, recreational, civic, or social activities when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy.

Approval shall not be granted for any purpose that would damage school property or to any group that has damaged District property.

Note:

See the following policies for other information regarding facilities use:

- Use by employee professional organizations: DGA
- Use of facilities for school-sponsored and schoolrelated activities: FM
- Use by noncurriculum-related student groups: FNAB
- Use by District-affiliated school-support organizations: GE

NONPROFIT FUND-RAISING

The District shall permit nonprofit organizations to conduct fundraising events on District property when these activities do not conflict with school use or with this policy, and when the activities meet the conditions established in administrative regulations.

FOR-PROFIT USE

The District shall permit individuals and for-profit organizations and groups within the District to use its facilities for private profit or commercial purposes only if one of the following applies:

- 1. An educational, civic, or charitable purpose will be served.
- 2. A substantial segment of the community will benefit.
- 3. Private academic instruction will benefit a specific District program.

Commercial or for-profit entities shall be charged according to administrative regulations.

SCHEDULING

Requests for nonschool use of District facilities shall be considered based on established procedures in administrative regulations.

APPROVAL OF USE

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to approve nonschool use of all District facilities.

EXCEPTION

No approval shall be required for nonschool-related recreational use of the District's unlocked, outdoor recreational facilities, such as the track, playgrounds, tennis courts, and the like, when the facilities are not in use by the District or for a scheduled nonschool purpose.

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EMERGENCY USE

In case of emergencies or disasters, the Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of school facilities by civil defense, health, or emergency service authorities.

FACILITIES NOT AVAILABLE

Recreational use of Yates Stadium shall be prohibited. However, the stadium may be rented through established channels.

The tracks at Willis High School Auxiliary Field, Brabham Middle School, and the walking trail at CC Hardy Elementary School may be accessed by walkers and joggers.

REPEATED USE

The District shall permit repeated use by any group or organization for nonschool purposes based on established administrative regulations.

USE AGREEMENT

Any organization or individual approved for a nonschool use of District facilities shall be required to complete a written agreement indicating receipt and understanding of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations, and acknowledging that the District is not liable for any personal injury or damages to personal property related to the nonschool use.

FEES FOR USE

Users shall be charged a fee to pay for operation, supervision, or cleanup costs at designated facilities. School organizations, school-support organizations, and local community youth organizations shall be exempted from usage fees, except when the usage is for private individual lessons paid for through the organization. Organizations that are identified as local community youth organizations shall be charged for any needed supervision, security, cleanup costs, or other costs created by the usage. There shall be no operation (rental) charges. The Superintendent or designee shall publish a schedule of fees for the use of such facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority and responsibility to determine whether an organization qualifies as a local community youth organization.

EXCEPTIONS

Fees shall not be charged when school buildings are used for public meetings sponsored by state or local governmental agencies.

Fees shall not be charged for use by District employee professional organizations. [See DGA]

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Persons or groups using school facilities shall:

- 1. Conduct business in an orderly manner.
- 2. Abide by all laws and policies, including but not limited to those prohibiting the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms, and the use of tobacco products on school property. [See GKA]

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3. Make no alteration, temporary or permanent, to school property without prior written consent from the Superintendent or designee.

All groups using school facilities shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damages incurred during use and shall be required to indemnify the District for the cost of any such repairs.

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