Cottonwood School District No. 242

COMMUNITY RELATIONS **4210**

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities belong to the community, but remain under the jurisdiction and care of the Board of Trustees. Supervisory responsibilities are delegated to the District administrators. School facilities are available to the community for education, civic, cultural, and other non-commercial uses consistent with the public interest, when such use does not interfere with the school program or school-sponsored activities. Such facilities may also be used for the operation of a senior citizen center. Use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Student and school-related organizations shall be granted the use of school facilities at no cost, providing the activity involves or directly benefits the students of the district and has approval of the Superintendent or building principal (i.e. Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, etc.). Other organizations granted the use of the facility shall pay fees and costs. Such rental fees shall be established annually by the Board. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities, which shall be reviewed and approved by the Board. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent's approval and is subject to the procedures.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered an endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group, or organization nor the purposes they represent.

The administration shall approve and schedule the various uses of the school facilities. A master calendar will be kept in the office for scheduling dates to avoid conflicts during the school year. Requests for use of the school facilities must be submitted in advance of the event to the Superintendent's office.

Proper protection, safety, and care of school property shall be primary considerations in the use of school facilities. All facility use shall comply with State and local fire, health, safety, and police regulations. All individuals using school facilities shall comply with the policies of this Board.

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-601	Real and Personal Property – Acquisition, Use or Disposal of Same.
	I.C. § 33-602	Use of School Property or Buildings for Senior Citizen Centers
	Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141	

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