

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

### **Leasing (renting)**

The mission of the District is to provide comprehensive, success-oriented learning activities for young people in our schools.

These opportunities must be designed to develop the person's potential in the areas of academic ability and vocational awareness, cultural appreciation, physical well-being, social development, and community contribution.

School facilities and property may be leased to a group or organization for any lawful purpose in the interest of the community. The purposes include but are not limited to success-oriented activities, designed to develop a student's potential but may include other purposes such as:

- recreational,
- educational,
- political,
- economic,
- artistic,
- moral,
- scientific,
- social,
- religious,
- other civic,
- or governmental.

A reasonable use fee shall be charged for the lease of school facilities and property for all of those that meet the above criterion and this fee may be offset by goods contributed or services rendered by the lessee. "Reasonable use fee" means an amount that is at least equal to the cost for utilities, services, supplies or personnel provided to the lessee pursuant to the terms of the lease.

### **Uncompensated use**

The Superintendent may permit the uncompensated use of facilities and property by any school related group, including student political organizations, or by any organization whose membership is open to the public and whose activities promote the educational function of the District. "Education function" means uses that are directly related to the educational mission of the District as adopted by the Board and includes the educational mission related uses of parent - teacher organizations, youth organizations and school employee organizations. Use of facilities or property by organizations indicated above that will require a substantial District cost for utilities, services, supplies and/or personnel may be permitted only if goods contributed, services rendered or payments are made to reimburse these costs to the District.

The Superintendent shall require the person requesting the use of school property for a nonscholastic youth activity to sign a certification that the nonscholastic youth athletic activity will follow the brain injury protocols established pursuant to 22-13-31 NMSA 1978 in practice or preparation for an organized athletic game or competition against another team, club or entity before approval of use of the school property.

The mission statement found at the beginning of this policy and the group's or organization's promotion of the educational function through the activity, as interpreted by the Superintendent in good faith, will be the basis upon which uncompensated use of District facilities and property shall be approved or denied.

### **Generally**

The Superintendent shall recommend a fee schedule to the Board for the lease of school property and such schedule shall include a procedure for determining the value of goods and services being provided as compensation for the use of school property. The schedule shall include a designation of those groups whose activities promote the educational function of the School District as determined in good faith by the Superintendent and presented for Board review.

Property not associated with the use of facilities is covered in section E of the policy manual (see cross referenced policies below). The District will use its best efforts to avoid conflicts with approved use of the facilities and property but no lease or use provision shall be effective if the administrator of the facility finds that it would cause delay, cancellation, or rescheduling of a school-sponsored activity.

The Superintendent shall establish such rules and regulations as are needed to implement this policy as well as to assure the preservation of District property.

*Adopted:* date of manual adoption

LEGAL REF.: 22-5-4(D)NMSA(1978)  
6.50.17 NMAC

CROSS REF.: A - Board Member Qualifications  
AC - Non - Discrimination / Equal Opportunity  
EDC - Authorized Use of School - Owned Materials  
and Equipment