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| OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD | Policy Code: KF Previously: KG |
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USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The Oyster River School Board accepts the responsibility for making its facilities available to responsible organizations, associations, and individuals of the community for appropriate civic, cultural, welfare or recreational activities which do not infringe upon nor interfere with the conduct and best interests of the school system. Authorization to use school facilities does not connote Board endorsement or approval of the activity or of the sponsoring organization/individual.

General Statement of Activities Permitted:

It is not the intent of this policy to create difficulties or financial burdens for our parents, volunteers, staff, or students who are involved in fund raising or other efforts which enhance student learning and benefit our students provided these activities are approved by the building principal.

Prohibited:

Any activity or organization which:

1. Promulgates any theory or doctrine subversive to the laws of the United States, the State of New Hampshire or any political subdivision thereof.
2. Advocates governmental change by violence.
3. Violates the canons of good morals, manners or taste, or is injurious to the district buildings, grounds or equipment.
4. Is in conflict with school activities or programs.
5. Raises funds for any purpose except as permitted by board policy or special action of the board.
6. Is discriminatory.

Granting of Approval:

The Superintendent of schools or designee is authorized to approve and arrange for scheduling the use of school facilities by applicants satisfying the above requirements.

Right is reserved by the board to revoke any such permit, without liability, should such action be deemed necessary or desirable.

Applicants may be required to submit an explanatory statement declaring that to the best of their knowledge the projected use is within the general policy and is not in violation of prohibited activities noted above.

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Fees:

The Board will approve a schedule of fees for use of school facilities. The Superintendent or designee(s) may grant waivers of fee payment in exceptional cases. The Board intends that recognized parent volunteer groups, such as PTO's, will not be charged fees for use of facilities that have approval of the building Principal and Business Administrator. Fee schedule will be reviewed as part of the annual budget process.

Certificates of Insurance:

Each application for school rental will include a certificate of insurance for general liability and property damage, the coverage to be as recommended by the district's insurance carrier. The Oyster River Cooperative School District shall be listed on the certificate as an additional named insured.

Damages:

Anyone submitting an application for the rental of school property must assume responsibility for the proper use of the facility and for the conduct of all attending the event. As a condition for permission to use the facility the user must indemnify the school district from any claims which might arise from the use. If any school district property is lost or damaged during usage, the amount of loss or damage will be determined by the superintendent of schools, and a bill for damages (both labor and materials) will be mailed to the applicant of record, who accepts responsibility for payment of damages as a condition for permission to use the facility. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may require the submission of a deposit in advance to cover any potential loss or damage to school district property.

Receipts:

Receipts from fees shall be used for facilities maintenance and operation costs.

Regulations:

Regulations governing this policy shall be posted on the school district web site.

Cross Reference:

- KF-R Guidelines on the Use of School Facilities
- KF-R1 Building Rental Fees
- JLCF – Wellness Policy
- JL – Soliciting Funds
- KFB – Advertising in Schools

Legal Reference: Military Recruitment in high schools