

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Section: Board and Community

- Community Use of Facilities/Partnerships

Policy: COMMUNITY USE AND ACCESS TO
SCHOOL FACILITIES

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It is the policy of the Board to make school facilities available and accessible to community users to the fullest extent possible within established regulations, having due regard for:

- preservation of the educational program of the school,
- the protection and maintenance of school property,
- budgetary considerations, and
- the values and beliefs of Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

The Board recognizes the interdependence of public bodies and will co-operate wherever possible with the provision of facilities, while acknowledging that providing educational programs to students is the prime objective of the Board. The Board may enter into joint use agreements with local municipal community organizations for the use of specified school facilities and in such cases the rates established will supersede those specified in Appendix A in the administrative regulations. Rates will be adjusted annually, based on funding announcements. Such agreements could specify matters such as lawn/field maintenance, line placement, etc.

Organizations or individuals using Board facilities assume full responsibility for the proper supervision of all activities and persons. They are solely responsible for any claims arising out of their use, and agree to indemnify and save harmless the Board from all such claims.

The rental fee schedule will be applied consistently. This schedule is developed on a cost-recovery basis as calculated by the Facilities Service Department, plus any applicable custodial charges. To assist with additional school maintenance caused in part by community use, each school will be entitled to an additional 10% surcharge of rental fees to be retained by the school.

Not-for-profit student focused and community oriented groups incorporated for the purpose of carrying on, without financial gain, objectives of a patriotic, charitable, philanthropic, religious, professional, sporting, or athletic character which charge minimal fees will pay reduced fees as outlined in Administrative Regulation No. B-8.2.1, Appendix A and as provided by Community Recreation and Use funding. Any labour incurred will be assumed by the pertinent custodial budget, supported by Community Use of Schools funding. Employee groups (Board unions), will be granted free use of school facilities if no labour costs are incurred. If labour costs are incurred, these costs shall be assumed by the user group, as appropriate.

Not-for-profit organizations that benefit the Board's students and do not charge fees for their services will be exempt from paying a fee, e.g. Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Blood Services, Before and After School programs.

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All for-profit commercial organizations will be charged a fee as set out in the Administrative Regulations Appendix A.

The Board will co-operate with all levels of government in the use of Board facilities for elections. Wherever possible, principals are required to rearrange existing programs to accommodate election proceedings. The Board will request that election organizers provide a monitor to escort voters to and from the school entrance to the poll, to ensure student safety. Any fee for election purposes is dictated by Elections Canada. The Board will endeavour to rent facilities to organizations whose goals, aims, principles and objectives are consistent with the Board's goals and values of education. Activities such as the consumption of alcohol and/or gaming will not be permitted on Board property. The Board retains the right to refuse the use of Board facilities and to reserve facilities for Board use. Out of necessity, repair and maintenance of the Board's buildings will take precedence over permitted use.

An annual report on the community use of schools, including recommendations for amendments to the cost-recovery fee schedule, shall be presented to the Board at a June Board meeting.

Administrative regulations will be maintained to implement the intent of this policy.

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