

VERONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Verona Area School District subscribes to the philosophy that school facilities belong to the community and should be made available to the public for uses that benefit the community. The School Board recognizes that school facilities are a valuable asset to the community and encourages their use for worthwhile purposes when such use is in accordance with the provisions of this policy and its implementing procedures.

The Board also believes that the use of school facilities should not place a significant burden on the taxpayers of the District. Therefore, fees shall be established to address costs incurred by the District for labor, utilities and use of school facilities by user groups.

It shall be the policy of the Board to give full endorsement to the concept of community education for the District and to cooperate with interested agencies, businesses and community groups in operating a community education program.

The Board authorizes the use of school facilities by user groups except when the proposed facility uses may:

- (a) interfere with the District's educational mission or co-curricular programs/activities,
- (b) pose an unreasonable risk of physical injury to students, staff or participants,
- (c) pose substantial risk to school security or of imminent illegal activities, or
- (d) result in unusual wear, damage or depreciation of school facilities or property.

Use of school facilities may also be denied when the requesting user has not been a responsible caretaker when using school facilities or property in the past.

In the event a school activity is scheduled that conflicts with a previously scheduled non-school use, the school use will have precedence. The Community Service Office will contact the designated representative of the non-school user as soon as possible. The District has no obligation to find a substitute facility, but will make a reasonable attempt to assist.

If access to school facilities is denied based on any of the above stated grounds, the individual or organization may appeal the decision to the District Administrator's office in accordance with established procedures.

Authorized use of school facilities under this policy and its implementing procedures shall not be construed as an endorsement of any non-school group, organization or event by the District, or District sponsorship of the group, organization or event.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.12(1) and (9) Wisconsin Statutes
 120.13(17), (19) & (21)
 121.02(1)(i)
 895.523
 895.525

Equal Access Act
Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001

CROSS REF.: 830-Rule, Procedures for Use of School Facilities
110, District Mission and Goals
720, Safety Program
742, Authorized Use of District-Owned Equipment
810, School-Community Relations
831, Tobacco Use on School Property
832, Weapons on School Premises
850, Sales and Solicitations in the Schools
852, Public Distribution of Non-School-Sponsored Handbills and Printed Materials
852.1, Material Distribution to Students Through the Schools
860, Visitors to School

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