

PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the policy of the School District of New Berlin to make the public school facilities available to the community for appropriate activities that do not infringe upon, nor interfere with, the conduct and best interest of the school system. Authorization for use of District facilities or grounds shall not be considered as an endorsement of or approval of the activity, group or organization, nor for the purpose it represents. Permitted uses, availability and fees (where applicable) for all groups shall be established in accordance with this policy under the direction of the superintendent/CEO or designee. A general fee, when assessed is to recover utility and wear and tear costs. Direct costs, including, but not limited to, staff (e.g. custodial, kitchen, site supervision), supplies, materials and any other costs, associated with a facility use will be charged in accordance with this policy.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit the use of District facilities for the free discussion of public questions upon the written application of one-half of the District's electors pursuant to s. 120.12(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Fees for use of school facilities shall be established by the District to recover costs incurred by the District to make the facility available for such use. Fees shall be based on the following classification system:

- A. School related curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular and school sponsored recreation and adult education users have first priority for facility use and will not be charged a general fee or direct costs.
- B. School related support groups, such as parent-teacher, booster or other groups organized for the sole purpose of directly or indirectly promoting the education, health, welfare and personal growth of District students have 2nd priority for facility use and will not be charge a general fee for the facility use. Class B users may be charged the cost to provide supervision and staff support if the use occurs other than when such staffing is not already on-assignment.
- C. Non-school related student groups as defined in with Board Policy, 5133, Student Organizations have 3rd priority for facility use and will not be charge a general fee for the facility use. Class C users may be charged the cost to provide supervision and staff support if the use occurs when such staffing is not already on assignment.
- D. Community groups are not for profit groups organized as such under Internal Revenue Code 501(c), the City of New Berlin and other approved groups that do not operate for pecuniary profit, are open to the community at large and do not have a paid professional staff have 4th priority for facility use and will not be charge a general fee for the facility use. Class D users may be charged the cost to provide supervision and staff support if the use occurs when such staffing is not already on assignment.
- E. Other groups, including for profit, groups operated for the benefit of a restricted group or when the organization requesting to use a facility will charge a fee to individual participants shall be charged fees as established by the District

Wisconsin Statutes: Sections 120.12(9), 120.13(17), (19) & (21) LEGAL REF.

CROSS REF: 1329 Candidate Forums/Debates, 5133 Student Organizations

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