

POLICY 1331  
CLASSIFICATION OF GROUPS USING SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

Permitted usage and availability of District facilities shall be determined by classification of the group requesting use of the facility. Charges for use of District facilities, including rental and custodial fees, shall vary in accordance with such classification.

The Director of Facilities and/or his/her designee will categorize groups eligible to use District facilities under one of the seven classifications defined below. District facilities shall be made available to eligible groups that are based in the City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie or Town or Village of Somers in the following priority order, as space permits:

1. School activity groups
2. Recreation Department-sponsored groups
3. School-related activity groups
4. Non curriculum related student groups
5. Kenosha Unified community youth groups
6. Kenosha Unified community groups
7. For-profit and other groups

Classification of groups using District facilities shall be as follows:

1. School activity groups

School activity groups are those groups that are directly related to a District educational program or extracurricular program sponsored by the District, including academic, athletic, cultural and social group activities. (e.g., drama clubs and cheerleading)

School activity groups will be permitted to use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal or Director of Facilities, and when such use does not interfere with District purposes. The District will waive the rental fee. The actual custodial fee beyond the normal custodial working hours will be charged to the appropriate school account.

2. Recreation Department-sponsored groups

Recreation Department-sponsored groups are those groups or programs that are directly sponsored and administered by the District's Recreation Department.

Recreation Department-sponsored groups will be allowed to use District facilities for any lawful purpose that promotes the recreation and physical fitness of the District's residents and students. (e.g., senior citizens and summer recreation)

Recreation Department-sponsored groups will be permitted to use District facilities during non- school hours with the permission of the Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Senior Center and/or Director of Facilities and when such use does not interfere with District purposes or by school activity groups. The District will waive the rental fee. The actual custodial fee beyond the normal custodial working hours will be charged to the Recreation Department.

3. School-related activity groups

School-related activity groups are those groups not under direct sponsorship of the school or District but related to the schools in that they are organized for the sole purpose of supporting the District's schools and improving District education. (e.g., parent-teacher and parent booster groups)

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School-related activity groups will be permitted to use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal and/or Director of Facilities and when such use does not interfere with District purposes or use by school activity groups or Recreation Department-sponsored groups. The District will waive the rental fee. The actual custodial cost beyond the regular custodial working hours will be charged to the school-related activity group.

4. Noncurriculum related student groups

Noncurriculum related student groups have the following characteristics:

- a. The group is comprised of District students and membership is open to students using criteria that do not violate the District's nondiscrimination statement and policy.
- b. The subject matter of the group is not actually taught, or will not soon be taught, as a regularly offered course of the school.
- c. The subject matter of the group does not concern the body of courses as a whole.
- d. Participation in the group is not required for a particular course.
- e. Participation in the group does not result in academic credit.
- f. Group meetings are not directed, controlled, conducted or regularly attended by non-school persons.
- g. School staff members may not organize or direct the group, but may supervise the activity.

Noncurriculum related student groups will be given equal access and priority to District facilities. The District will not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any noncurriculum-related student group who wishes to conduct a meeting on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech at such meetings.

Noncurriculum related student groups may not be sponsored by the school, the District or their agents or employees. Meetings of noncurriculum related student groups must be student-initiated and voluntary.

Noncurriculum related student groups will be permitted to use District facilities for any purpose that does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school. The District retains the right to deny access to District facilities to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of District students and faculty and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

Noncurriculum related student groups will be permitted to use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal and/or Director of Facilities and when such use does not interfere with District purposes or by school activity groups, Recreation Department-sponsored groups or school related activity groups. The District will waive the rental fee. The actual custodial cost beyond the normal custodial working hours will be charged to the noncurriculum related student groups

5. Kenosha Unified community youth groups

A Kenosha Unified community youth group is a nonprofit group or organization whose primary purpose is to serve children and youth of the Kenosha Unified School District (e.g., scouts and youth sports). The focus of the use of District facilities must be to provide a program that actively

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involves young people who reside within the boundaries of the District. The Kenosha Unified community youth groups will be permitted to use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal and/or Director of Facilities, and when such use does not interfere with District purposes or by school activity groups, Recreation Department-sponsored groups, school related activity groups or noncurriculum-related student groups. The District will waive the rental fee; however, if the event or activity is a fundraiser, or user/hourly fees are charged to participants, the Kenosha Unified community youth group will be charged a rental fee. The actual custodial fee beyond the normal custodial working hours will be charged to the Kenosha Unified community youth groups.

6. Kenosha Unified community groups

Kenosha Unified community groups are nonprofit groups that intend to use District facilities for a lawful non-school purpose primarily for adults.

To qualify as a Kenosha Unified Community Group, at least 51percent of the owners or members of the group or at least 51percent of its attendees during use of District facilities must be residents of Kenosha Unified attendance area. Certified lists of members, owners or attendees with addresses may be requested when applying for use of District facilities.

Kenosha Unified community groups may use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal and/or Director of Facilities and when such use does not interfere with District purposes or by school activity groups, Recreation Department-sponsored groups, school related activity groups, noncurriculum-related student groups or Kenosha Unified community youth groups.

Kenosha Unified community groups will be charged rent for the use of facilities and actual custodial fee beyond the normal custodial working hours.

7. For-profit and other groups

For-profit and other groups are groups, organizations or individual(s) that intend to use District facilities for a lawful, non-school purpose and do not fall within any of the other classifications stated herein.

For-profit and other groups may use District facilities during non-school hours with the permission of the building principal and/or Director of Facilities and when such use does not interfere with District purposes, or by school activity groups, Recreation Department-sponsored groups, school-related activity groups, non-curriculum-related student groups, Kenosha Unified community youth groups or Kenosha Unified community groups. For-Profit and Other Groups will be charged rent for use of facilities and actual custodial fee beyond the normal custodial working hours.

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Nothing in this policy or any other District policy is intended to prohibit or affect the use of District facilities for free discussions of public questions upon the written application of one-half of the District's electors pursuant to state law.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

Sections 120.12(1)	[Board duty; care, control and management of school property]
120.12(9)	[Board duty; use for discussion of public questions]
120.125	[Use for before and after-school child care programs]
120.13(17)	[Board power; temporary use of school property and authority to charge use fees]
120.13(19)	[Board power; use for community education programs]
120.13(21)	[Board power; use for educational lectures]
120.13(35)	[Board power; presence of persons in school buildings]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Equal Access Act [Access to school facilities by noncurriculum-related student groups]

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act [Access to school facilities by Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups]

CROSS REF.: 1310, Tobacco Use

1330, Facilities Use

1333, Facilities Charges

1812, Relations with Parent-Teacher Organizations

5436, Weapons

6570, Before and/or After School Child Care Programs

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: None

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