COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

In order to assure a close relationship between the school and the community, it shall be the policy of the Board to grant and encourage maximum use of school facilities to responsible and properly organized Fremont School District groups for the purpose of education, recreation, and entertainment.

The Superintendent of Schools, as authorized representative designated by the Board, may approve the use of school facilities by non-school organizations.

Charges shall be made according to the schedule of fees approved by the Board. The Superintendent shall establish such rules and regulations as needed to implement this policy as well as to assure the preservation of school district property.

Permission to use school facilities by classes or school-sponsored groups may be granted by the principal upon authorization of the Superintendent. Sponsors will be held responsible for the proper control of students and care of the building.

Non-school groups and organizations must apply to the Superintendent through the Building Principal to rent or use school facilities. Building principals have the application forms for this purpose.

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Administrative Regulations Governing Non-School Use of Fremont Public School Facilities

Persons and Entities Who May Use School Facilities

It is the role and mission of Fremont Public Schools to, among other things, to teach the students proper standards of citizenship, morality, charity, civility, and equality. The school district is aided in its educational mission by permitting use of school-owned facilities by those resident religious, civic, artistic, charitable and educational organizations whose behavior is consistent with the standards the school district teaches to the students. Organizations modeling behavior not in line with the lessons the school district seeks to impart to students, or have a reputation in the community of engaging in such behavior, will not be among the type of organizations permitted the use of school facilities. Organizations with a reputation of engaging in conduct that encourages persons to hate, demean or discriminate against persons on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion or disability are not eligible to use school facilities. Similarly, those organizations with a reputation for regularly engaging in behavior that is immoral, unlawful, obscene, vulgar, or indecent and do not further the educational goals and mission of the school district are not among the class of organizations that will be eligible to use school facilities.

Use of Facilities Limited to Residents

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, use of District facilities, other than for school-sponsored programs and activities is limited to those organizations that are residents of the Fremont School District. A not-for-profit organization will be deemed to be a resident of the School District if (1) a majority of the members of the entity, or some recognized subunit thereof, reside within the school district; or (2) if a majority of the members of the governing board of such organization reside within the school district. A for-profit corporation or partnership shall be deemed to be a resident of the school district if it has continuously maintained an office within the district, or offered goods or services for sale within the district, for a period of 6 months prior to the date on which the for profit corporation or partnership intends to use school facilities. The residency requirement does not apply to other public school districts, or to recognized professional associations of teachers and administrators.

Use of Facilities by For-Profit Groups

Ordinarily, school facilities will not be made available for use by for-profit groups, corporations, or individuals unless the predominate purpose of the program being presented by such an entity is educational or artistic, and the students enrolled at Fremont Public Schools are the primary users of the service being provided. For example, school facilities may be made available for use by teachers of dance, music, baton twirling, etc.

Use of Facilities by Individuals

School facilities are ordinarily available for use only by resident religious, civic, artistic, charitable and educational organizations with a public reputation and history of modeling behavior that is consistent with the school district's educational mission and objectives. Accordingly, school facilities are generally not available for use by individuals.