

Community RelationsCommunity Use of School Facilities and School Vans

The Board of Education desires to have its facilities used by the community served by the school district.

Playgrounds shall be available for individual usage by children for recreational purposes at all times when not in use by the school, but the District assumes no responsibility for supervision of the children at such times or for the safety of the facilities which are to be used at the risk of the parents involved.

School facilities and equipment, although primarily intended for school use, may be available to groups so as to contribute to the recreational and cultural opportunity for the community. The use of school facilities shall be accomplished without additional cost to the district through a system of maintenance charges.

The maintenance charges shall recognize direct costs to the district, as well as the nature and activity of the organization requesting use of the facilities or equipment. Youth oriented groups may be permitted use of facilities at no charge. The sponsoring group or home team will be responsible for the maintenance costs. Only space requested may be used. All use of the Phelps County School District 69-0044, a/k/a Holdrege Public Schools' facilities shall be supervised by responsible adults. Supervision may be provided by a Phelps County School District 69-0044, a/k/a Holdrege Public Schools' certificated staff member or by other responsible adults who have executed a "[HPS Facilities Rental Agreement](#)" as prescribed by Board Policy. At no time will students or other minors be permitted in the facilities without proper supervision.

It is not the general policy of the school district to permit use of facilities to individuals or groups for private profit. The administration will, however, consider such requests when the nature of the activity is such that it provides a program of general interest to the community. Generally, organizations sponsoring such an activity will be charged a maintenance fee in an amount sufficient to defray expenses. Facility rental fees and maintenance fees for non school activities that are student organized, including but not limited to Baccalaureate and student led non school activities, may be waived. Such activities are not school-sponsored and the organizers will be required to disclaim any school sponsorship of the activity upon request of the administration.

It is not the general policy of the school district to permit use of a school building for funerals, e.g., gymnasiums, or The Tassel. Funerals of a Holdrege Public Schools student or staff member or other pre-approved facility usage may be held at school district facilities if they are scheduled to not disrupt the regular school schedule.

School vans may be permitted to be used only in accordance with the rules of the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Schools Activities Association, and shall require a duly licensed school van driver and proper insurance. No vans or school vehicles will be scheduled for activity/athletic use by private individuals or groups in the summer (last day of school through 1<sup>st</sup> day of NSAA fall practice). School-sponsored activities will be considered on a case by case basis by the Administration.

All arrangements for use of the school building(s) or facilities shall be made with the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

The Board of Education shall require a "Hold Harmless Agreement". Furthermore, liability protection shall be assumed by the group or organization requesting use of the facility.

No groups which advocate or condone the violent overthrow of the Constitution of the United States Government will be granted use of the school district facilities.

No alcoholic beverage or flammable devices will be allowed on school grounds. Any abuse of this policy will result in immediate withdrawal of facility use privileges.

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