

POLICY

Upper Freehold Regional Board of Education

Section: Property

7510. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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The Board of Education believes that the school facilities of this district should be made available for community purposes, provided that such use does not interfere with the educational program of the schools.

The Board will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested in writing and has been approved by the Superintendent or designee.

In weighing competing interests for the use of school facilities, the Board will give priority in the order following:

Group 1 Student body activities traditionally sanctioned and supported in whole or in part by the Upper Freehold Regional Board of Education, i.e. Student Council, Athletic Activities, School Clubs - ad hoc or regular, dances, staff members participating in Board approved district wellness activities/classes, etc. and such use as may be incidentally required by the Upper Freehold Regional Teachers' Association.

Group 2 Non-Profit organizations indirectly related to the schools and through tradition and convention have received the endorsement of the Board, i.e. PTA, DAC, Sending Districts Boards of Education - PTA's, Booster Clubs, and the Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation.

Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, social, recreational or educational purposes but not directly related to organized religion as stipulated in the Federal and State constitution. Municipal sponsored recreation programs are included here.

Organized sports clubs/leagues whose primary participants are students at the

Upper Freehold Regional School District such as soccer league, little league (baseball, softball, Pop Warner football and community travel sports programs.

Group 3 Community church groups and community sports camps.

Group 4 Departments or agencies of the local municipal governments, i.e. Upper Freehold Township Committee, Allentown Borough Council.

Community political groups, i.e. Republican Club, Democratic Club, Taxpayers' Association, committees formed for the election of public officials, etc.

Other government agencies, county government, State government, sending districts governments, etc.

Organized adult recreational groups other than those sponsored by Upper Freehold Township or Allentown Borough recreation.

Group 5 Any profit making organizations and travel athletic programs and sports camps whose primary participants are not students at the UFRSD.

Community groups are defined as groups that:

1. Have a local meeting place and local address
2. Consist of membership that includes at least 70% local participants (UFT or Allentown)

The use of school facilities shall not be granted for any purpose which is prohibited by law.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the granting of permission to use school facilities and shall promulgate rules and regulations for such use which shall include:

1. No group may use the district's buildings or grounds without an approved Buildings and/or Grounds Use Application.
2. Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by district rules and provide such police coverage as is necessary.
3. Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted through the procedure by which permission to use facilities is granted. The users of school equipment must accept liability for any damage or loss to such equipment that occurs while it is in their use. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by qualified operator. No district equipment shall be removed from the

premises for use by non-district personnel.

4. Assignment of time periods will be made with consideration for the age level of the student participants. Time period assignments for Group C Community Organizations will be determined by the Upper Freehold Township Recreation Committee.
5. Priority in the assignment of time and space will be given to programs open to all students where there are no cuts or tryouts for participation in the activity.

The Superintendent or Board may refuse to grant the use of a school building whenever in their judgment there is a good reason why permission should be refused.

The Board shall approve annually a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities based upon the following factors:

1. The use of school facilities for activities related to the educational program and district operations shall be without cost to the users.
2. All other organizations or persons granted the use of schools shall assume the scheduled fee therefore payable in advance.
3. The costs for other activities for revenue production or community services not identified will be determined by the administration.

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