

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

School Facilities

The Board of Education recognizes and affirms the primary purpose of school facilities is to provide and promote the education of the District's children. It shall be the policy of the Board to encourage the greatest possible use of school facilities for community-wide activities. This is meant to include use by recognized not-for-profit, athletic, civic, social, fraternal, youth and religious organizations in accordance with law. Groups who wish to use the school facilities must submit a district Facilities Use Form in order to apply for approval by the New Paltz Central School District. Use of the facilities without approval is prohibited. Groups must abide by the rules and regulations established for such use including prohibition of pets on school property (Policy 8250) and alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes) and drug use.

Excepted from this policy is the Floyd A. Patterson Field Complex, the use of which by groups requires Board approval.

Floyd A. Patterson Track

The Board of Education recognizes that community use of the track within the Floyd A. Patterson Field Complex may be desired by some members of the community. For that purpose the Board has developed the following parameters for limited use by individual community members.

The track facility of the Floyd Patterson Field Complex will be available for public walking/running only. The facility will be open prior to High School hours and after District activity usage, including District physical education, club/activity and athletics hours. Members of the public will be asked to leave the area by any District personnel during District use hours. The track will not be available when it is snow-covered, or when maintenance of, or repairs to, the complex track, stands or field are occurring.

In order to preserve the track, conditions for use include the following: proper running shoes must be worn while on the track surface. Football, soccer and baseball/softball cleats on the track are prohibited. Use of any mode of transportation including but not limited to motorized vehicles, strollers, rollerblades, and bicycles, is also prohibited. Hand-propelled wheelchairs are permitted. District football and track and field equipment stored on the field is not for public use. Jumping pits and mats are also not for public use.

Board approval is necessary for use of the track by groups.

Materials and Equipment

Except when used in connection with an approved facilities use under the provisions of Education Law Section 414, school-owned materials or equipment may be used by members of the community or by District employees and/or students for school related purposes only. Private and/or personal use of school-owned materials and equipment is strictly prohibited.

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The Board will permit school materials and equipment to be loaned to staff members when such use is related to their employment and loaned to students when the material and equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities. Community members will be allowed to use school-owned materials and equipment only for educational purposes that relate to school operations.

Administrative regulations will be developed to assure the lender's responsibility for, and return of, all such materials and equipment. Users may be charged replacement cost for damaged and/or unreturned equipment and materials.

If any provision of this Policy or its implementing procedures is violated, the Board reserves the right to immediately revoke the organization's facilities use privileges. In addition, the Board may decline to accept future applications for use of school facilities by organizations who violate this Policy.

Any individual or organization that enters upon or remains unlawfully on District property or uses District property and facilities in violation of this Policy or its implementing procedures will be considered as trespassing and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures for the public use of the District property and facilities including but not limited to the application form, fee schedule, insurance requirements and rules for use.

20 United States Code (USC) Section 7905
36 United States Code (USC) Subtitle II
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 75, 76

and 108

Education Law Section 414

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property
#5640 -- Smoking/Tobacco Use
#7310 -- Code of Conduct
#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances
(Students)
#7410 -- Extracurricular Activities
District Code of Conduct on School Property

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