

Community Use of School Facilities

School buildings and grounds are provided to serve the organized educational program of the school district. For many years it has been the policy of the Cincinnati Board of Education to encourage the use of the city's school facilities to the fullest possible extent compatible with the purpose for which schools are operated. In every school community there are educational, cultural, recreational, and civic activities that meet the criteria of educational compatibility and in a very real sense, supplement the regular school program, thus contributing to the welfare of the entire community. However, such supplementary uses of school facilities must be made during such times and in such ways as will not interfere with regular school program.

The school facilities shall be made available for use by groups of citizens or responsible organizations, except that such use shall not be permitted to interfere with the regular program of the schools. Any permit issued for community use of school property shall be subject to cancellation if the facilities are later found to be needed for use by the school authorities, but the privilege of cancellation shall be used only where necessary and always with regard to the desire of the board of education to encourage the use of the school facilities by the citizens of the community.

An appropriate charge shall be made to cover costs incidental to such use. Such charges will vary depending on the degree of relationship to public school programs. The scale of charges shall be established yearly by the superintendent of schools, subject to approval by the board of education.

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