

7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education believes the district facilities belong to the community which paid for them, for the primary purpose of offering a full educational program for its children. Prudent use and management of school facilities outside of the regular operating schedules providing that such use does not interfere with the orderly conduct of a thorough and efficient system of education allows the community to benefit more broadly from the use of its own property.

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

- A. Uses and groups directly related to the school and the operations of the school;
- B. Uses and organizations indirectly related to the school;
- C. Departments or agencies of the municipal government;
- D. Other governmental agencies;
- E. Community youth organizations of over fifty percent documented Lindenwold residents formed for charitable, civic or educational purposes.

The use of facilities will be granted to outside organizations only when they do not interfere with school programs. Permission to use the facilities may be withdrawn or modified at any time by the Superintendent of Schools. Use of facilities during the school year will be considered on a first come-first serve basis except in the cases of multiple-usage (i.e. every Monday and Thursday, September - December) Multiple-usage requests should be submitted by August 15 for the upcoming school year. In the event that a school district need arises, approval will be cancelled. In considering multiple-usage requests, first consideration will be given to Lindenwold youth organizations.

The Board of Education may refuse to grant the use of a school building or grounds whenever in its judgment there is good reason why permission should be refused. They shall not be required to give a reason for such refusal.

No one may bring alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances onto school property. All facility use shall comply with State and local fire, health, safety (including background checks) and police regulations. Specifically, there will be no smoking or alcohol on school property.



The buildings shall not be available for community use if the programs interfere with cleaning and maintenance schedules. The buildings will not be available during periods when school is closed for vacation or holiday periods except upon approval by the Superintendent of Schools. No use will be permitted on Sundays or holidays except for school district events that can only be accomplished on those days.

When an additional cost (i.e. overtime, custodial, or security) is incurred by the school district, such cost will be passed on to the organization using the facilities and will be payable to the Lindenwold Board of Education and submitted to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Compensation for this service shall be at the current salary rate. Tipping is forbidden. Reimbursement for services rendered shall be made payable to the Lindenwold Board of Education and submitted to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. All charges are subject to approval by the Board.

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted by the procedure by which permission to use facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept liability for any damage to or loss of such equipment that occurs while it is in use. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified operator.

Factors of primary concern are the management and maintenance of the facilities. All organizations are required to follow and adhere to the rules and procedures for the use of facilities adopted by the Board of Education. Failure to comply may result in being denied future use.

The school district shall provide a copy of Policy and Regulation 2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries to all youth sports team organizations that operate on school grounds or in school facilities. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.5, the school district shall not be liable for the injury or death of a person due to the action or inaction of persons employed by, or under contract with, a youth sports team organization that uses school facilities or operates on school grounds if the youth sports team organization provides the school district proof of an insurance policy in the amount of not less than \$50,000 per person, per occurrence; insuring the youth sports team organization against liability for any bodily injury suffered by a person. The youth sports team organization must also provide a statement of compliance with the school district's Policy and Regulation 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries.



POLICY

LINDENWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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For the purpose of this Policy, a “youth sports team organization” means one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department.

The Board shall require that all users of school facilities comply with policies of this Board and the rules and regulations of this district. Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by such rules.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity, person, group or organization nor the purposes they represent.

N.J.S.A. 18A:20-20; 18A:20-34

Adopted:

