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The Waupaca School Board endeavors to attempt to make the public school facilities available to the community for appropriate activities which, in the opinion of the school board, do not infringe upon or interfere with the prime purpose of the school buildings or grounds.

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Requests for use of school buildings and grounds during times that the buildings or grounds are not required for school purposes may be granted to any individual or organization that has named an individual to be both responsible and present for the activity. The School Board shall have the final authority to refuse the use of school facilities when it determines that it would be in the best interest of the school district to do so. Some restrictions are necessary to protect the schools and school equipment against damage and from increased operating cost due to extended and after-school use of such facilities. The Board recognizes that these facilities are, to a large degree, financed and supported by the citizens of the community. Therefore, some rules and regulations pertaining to their use must be adopted and fees must be charged to cover the additional operating expenses incurred.

The School Board authorizes the District Administrator and his/her designee to permit the use of school facilities; however, authorization for the use of facilities is not an endorsement of an activity, person or organization or the purpose of such person or organization, by the School Board. The administration is authorized to permit school, community, public and civic groups to use District facilities when such use meets established facility use criteria and does not conflict with the regularly scheduled programs of the school. In the event a school activity is scheduled that conflicts with a previously scheduled non-school use, the school activity will have precedence. The District Administrator or designee shall contact the designated representative of the non-school user as soon as possible to notify the non-school user of the conflict. The school district has no obligation to find a substitute facility for the non-school user.

Any activity which could cause damage to buildings, property or individuals is prohibited in District owned buildings or on District owned land. Individuals who use district buildings and/or equipment shall be liable for any damage done to any property and for any expense incurred in consequence of such use of school grounds, facilities and equipment.

The Board recognizes and follows Wisconsin State Statute 120.13, which describes the kinds of groups which may utilize school buildings, facilities, and the kinds of activities which may be conducted.

Full responsibility rests with the group using the school facilities to maintain adequate security and to leave the facilities in the same condition as they were before usage. If district policies are not appropriately followed, consequences outlined in this policy and Exhibit, Facilities Use Agreement will be enforced.

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Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

120.12(1) [Management of School District]

120.12(9) [Discussion of Public Questions]

120.13(17) [Temporary Use of School Facilities]

120.13(19) [Community Programs and Services]

120.13(21) [Lectures]

121.02(1)i [Healthy and Safe Facilities]

895.52 [Recreational Activities; Limitation on Property Owner's Liability]

895.523 [Recreational Activities in a School Building or on School Grounds, Limitation of Liability]

895.525 [Participation in Recreational Activities; Restrictions on Civil Liability, Assumption of Risk]

Equal Access Act of 1984

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 0f 2001

Cross Reference: 830-Procedure, Facility Use Regulations
830-Exhibit, Facility Use Agreement

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