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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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Temporary amendments to this policy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic have been made to this policy. All temporary revisions appear in highlighted bold italics or strikethrough text.

Since school buildings and grounds are public property, the Board of Education may make them available for purposes other than education when they are not in use for school purposes. ***Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Superintendent may limit or restrict the use of school facilities by community and other groups based on the guidance of federal, state, and local health authorities and consistent with applicable law. In order to use school district facilities, any organization or individual requesting such use must agree to abide by all health and safety protocols in place by the school district at the time of use, including but not limited to protocols relating to cleaning of the facilities, signage, and health screenings of individuals requesting access to the facilities.***

School buildings and grounds shall be open for use by the public subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be established by the administration. The Reservation Office, 203-255-8374, may be contacted for a copy of the current regulations.

Such use shall not interfere with the educational program of the school, and representatives of the public using the school property shall ensure its reasonable use.

The Boy Scouts of America, Big Sisters of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts of America, Little League Baseball, Inc. and any other group intended to serve youth under the age of 21 listed in Title 36 of the U.S. Code may use school property upon payment of suitable fees and costs according to the Board approved fee schedule.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-239 Use of school facilities for other purposes
Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. ss 4071-4074.
Good News Club v. Milford Central School, Sup. CT. 6-11-01
20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)
“Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together,” Connecticut State Department of Education (June 29, 2020), available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/CTReopeningSchools.pdf>

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