



Context:

The Board of Education recognizes that their core responsibility is the education of its students, and the primary purpose of its facilities is to carry out that role. Therefore, it is incumbent on the Board to make sure that facilities are maintained to the highest reasonable standards for that purpose, and that alternative uses do not interfere or compromise the Board's ability to meet students' educational needs. However, when not in use for this primary purpose, these facilities may also be made available for use by the larger community. Therefore, the Board should put procedures in place to ensure fair, effective, and secure rental use.

Policy Statement:

The Board believes that the primary purpose of its facilities is for the education of its students, and will ensure that these facilities are maintained to the highest reasonable standard to fulfill that purpose. The Board will also support the use its facilities by the community, provided such use does not interfere with or compromise its primary purpose.

Guiding Principles:

1. Facilities will be used first and foremost in support of the education of students.
2. Security of all school district facilities and grounds should be paramount in district planning and operations.
3. Teacherages will be first offered to School Staff, and then to other members or departments of the School District.
4. Should a building become available, the Board will encourage and seek out long-term leases.
5. All rentals and leases will be charged a fee that will cover the costs of hosting the community activity and may reflect fair market value.
6. Outdoor facilities, including sports fields and playgrounds should be well designed in collaboration with school administration, and should be made available to the community through joint use agreements where possible.
7. When not being used by the School District, facilities may be available for public use.

References:

- [Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 105: Use of School Facilities](#)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO BOARD POLICY 105

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

This Administrative Procedure is intended to provide procedural support for Board Policy 105: *Use of School Facilities* in four specific areas:

- I. Rentals and Community Use
- II. Security of Property and Assets
- III. Sports/Grounds Areas and Site Playgrounds
- IV. Lasqueti Teacherage (Housing)

I. RENTALS AND COMMUNITY USE

The Board of Education believes that school facilities, when not required for school use, may be made available for use by the community and that school facilities should be used as extensively as possible. Rental rates and procedures will be in place to ensure that facilities and grounds are provided to community users at a rate that provides net revenue to the school district as possible and appropriate, knowing that in certain cases rental rates will be cost recover only.

PROCEDURES

- 1. With the exception of school use, all users must have specific authorization for use of school facilities and equipment.
- 2. The Board has established the following user priority for the use of school facilities and equipment:
 - a. **School Programs:**
School programs including extra-curricular activities and school-based organizations. These are programs which support the learning objectives of particular schools and include activities sponsored by PACs, school teams and school clubs.
 - b. **Youth Programs:**
Groups operating solely for youth under 18 and where they use instructors and/or volunteers to organize and teach activities. E.g. Regional District of Nanaimo Recreation Programs Scouts, Girl Guides, district youth sports associations, etc.
 - c. **Non-Profit Organizations/Adult Recreation Groups:**
Groups which have paid instructors or organizers for activities and all adult groups.



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d. Commercial:

Profit oriented and non-resident individuals and organizations.

Organizations which charge their members/participants and involve paid organizers and/or instructors who are funded either directly or on a fees for services basis. (Political or religious organizations are included in this group).

3. Applications:

- a. All applications are processed by the School District's Director of Operations or designate.
- b. Applications must be made at least 21 days prior to the event taking place.
- c. An application fee of \$25.00 per application will be charged to recover the administrative costs.
- d. The applicant must receive a booking confirmation from the Director of Operations or designate prior to using a district facility*.
(Approval from a school principal is not valid.)

4. Bookings:

- a. Groups who have had a regular booking satisfactory to the Board in the previous school year will have until June 30 to renew their booking. After this date, bookings will be made as they are received.
- b. Preference for early evening times will be given to youth programs.
- c. School principals will advise the Operations & Maintenance Department of space availability by July 1 and January 1 of each year.

5. Rental Fees:

- a. Rental fees shall be paid in full at the end of August, the end of December, and the end of June.
- b. Fees will be charged as listed in Schedule "A".
- c. The Board may demand, in full or in part, payment of the rental fee at the time application is made. Should payment be refused on demand, the rental agreement will not be approved.
- d. Bookings may be cancelled without cost if notice of cancellation is received by the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary Treasurer's designate 5 days prior to the booking date. The Renter will pay the full rental fee if notice is not received as stipulated above.
- e. Rental of school buildings does not include use of school or classroom equipment. Use of such equipment and associated costs must be determined in discussion with the Director of Operations.
- f. School activities, tournaments or other programs (carnivals, auctions, etc.) that require custodial services on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or after normal hours shall be invoiced for custodial costs.



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6. User Responsibilities:

- a. Renters must comply with all Board administrative procedures (including those which prohibit use of tobacco, vaping products, cannabis or alcohol on school district property).
- b. Renters may be requested to provide the booking confirmation to the custodian at the site.
- c. Access is limited to the area and times identified by the rental application.
- d. Renters may bring into the school their own equipment or props. Such equipment and props must be removed prior to the following school day unless otherwise authorized by the principal. Failure to do so will result in the equipment or props being removed at the Renter's expense.
- e. The Renter is responsible for any damage and repairs to the premises and the equipment, furniture, fixtures and chattels.
- f. The Renter is responsible for any costs involved in securing facilities left open by the Renter.
- g. Renters must leave the facilities and equipment in the condition and location that they were found.
- h. Rental times entered on the application by the Renter are understood to be entry and exit times. Any setup or clean up time needed are to be within the times indicated on the application form.

7. Supervision:

- a. The custodian in charge is the Board's representative in monitoring the conduct of the users, to ensure that the regulations are followed, and that no damage is caused to school property.
- b. A custodian must be on duty at all times when school buildings are in use after school hours, except when otherwise approved by the Operations & Maintenance Manager or designate.
- c. All groups using school facilities shall:
 - i. identify to the custodian the individual appointed by the organization who is responsible for the group
 - ii. provide adequate security for the area being rented and proper supervision of participants
 - iii. comply with Board administrative procedures and direction from the custodian

8. Cancellation:

- a. School use of facilities shall have priority over community use. Schools must provide to the Operations and Maintenance Department two weeks advance notice of any scheduling changes in order to give community users suitable notice for cancellation.
- b. The Board reserves the right to terminate any approved rental agreement.
- c. Users who have not paid in full within 30 days of invoicing shall be excluded from further use until the fee is paid in full.
- d. Failure to comply with the administrative procedures of the Board may result in cancellation of the rental agreement.



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9. Insurance and Liability:

- a. The renter will indemnify the Board from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, loss, costs, claims and demands whatsoever arising either directly or indirectly as a result of the contract.
- b. Proof of liability coverage must be provided upon application.
- c. The renter will provide the District with a Certificate of Insurance with minimum limits of \$5,000,000 prior to using the facility. Such coverage will include Tenants Legal Liability and will name the District as an additional insured.
- d. The renter shall indemnify and pay to the Board forthwith upon demand for any loss, damage or power wastage occurring to the property of the Board, either directly or indirectly as a result of the use of the facilities under the terms of this agreement.

II. SECURITY OF PROPERTY AND ASSETS

The Board believes that access to school district facilities should be controlled, and that a system should be maintained that does not impede access for authorized use.

1. The Operations and Maintenance Department shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the cutting and distributing of all keys within School District No.69 (Qualicum).
 - b. Be responsible for providing keys to district office staff as required.
 - c. Ensure that a record is kept of all keys cut and distributed to the schools or district staff.
 - d. Ensure that District alarm systems are properly maintained and monitored.
 - e. Advise principals in writing of all improper or unauthorized access as reported by the monitoring service.
2. Each Principal or designate shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the distribution of all door and alarm keys for their school staff, except to Operations and Maintenance staff and custodians.
 - b. Ensure staff are aware of the opening and closing procedures and aware of this policy.
 - c. Maintain an up-to-date registry of all keys within their jurisdiction.
 - d. Maintain a daily register of building entries after hours.
3. Staff members shall:
 - a. Arrange access by obtaining an entry/alarm key from the school Principal or Designate
 - b. Disarm the alarm system upon entering the building and ensure the front door remains locked or that access is controlled and the facility is secured during the period of their use.
 - c. Enter name and details of visit in register, giving time of entry and departure.
 - d. Upon departure ensure that:



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- i. there are no persons in the building
 - ii. the alarm system is activated
 - iii. the building is secure
4. The Monitoring Service shall:
 - a. Monitor district alarm systems.
 - b. Report all fault (trouble) alarms to the Operations and Maintenance Department.
 - c. In the first instance report all fire alarms to the relevant fire hall and then to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
 - d. Report all intruder alarms to the district security runner service.
 - e. Report all personal panic alarms to the district security runner service.
 - f. Report all high water-high sewer alarms in the first instance to the district security runner service and then to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
 - g. Report all buildings with low temperature alarms to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
5. The District Security Runner Service shall:
 - a. Respond to alarm calls from the monitoring service.
 - b. Respond to calls from designated district staff for emergent work.
 - c. Send regular reports to the Operations and Maintenance Office.
6. Access to district facilities during non-operating hours is restricted to authorized school district employees.
7. Authorized access is granted by the Secretary Treasurer or designates (principal, vice-principal).
8. Staff wishing to access the school during Christmas, Spring or Summer breaks must confirm with the School Principal or the Director of Operations or designate to ensure there will be no conflict with the safety, security, planned maintenance or renovation projects.. Facility uses must be scheduled and booked as per Administrative Procedure – Rental and Use of School Facilities and Equipment.
9. A key control system is to be established by district administration in accordance with administrative procedures approved by the Board.
10. Community Use
Keys will be issued by the Operations and Maintenance Department Office for:
 - a. facilities use as required and returned after use is complete.
 - b. joint use through the District 69 Recreation Commission.
11. Lost Keys
Individuals or groups who lose a key may, as required to maintain the security of district assets, be subject to either of the following at the discretion of the Director of Operations:
 - a. \$50.00 charge.



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- b. actual cost of re-keying any or all buildings.
12. Any person not complying with proper entry procedures, which results in a runner service callout, will be held responsible for absorbing the cost incurred by the District, and will be invoiced by School District 69 (Qualicum). A first warning will be provided before invoicing for cost recovery.

Damage to Buildings and Equipment

The Board believes that a student who has caused willful damage to school property be subject to engaging in restorative processes including restitution for damage caused.

13. When a student has been identified as having damaged buildings and/or property, the principal will contact the parents by phone, email and/or registered letter indicating the circumstances involved and the school's procedure in assessing damages.
14. The Superintendent of Schools will be notified by telephone and by letter of the student involved and the extent of the damage.
15. The Operations and Maintenance Department shall assess the cost of repair and/or replacement.
16. The Secretary Treasurer may invoice the student/parent for the cost of the damage indicating that an appeal may be made through the Secretary Treasurer to the Board.
17. This does not limit School Protection Branch from further civil action.
18. In special circumstances, a student may negotiate school/community service as a form of compensation.

III. SPORTS/GROUNDS AREAS AND SITE PLAYGROUNDS

1. The proposed design for a sports/grounds area and/or school site playground must be submitted to the Director of Operations for review as to appropriate construction methods and to the School Health and Safety Committee for review.
2. The Director of Operations, in consultation with the school Principal, will approve a location for the sports/grounds area and/or school site playground that will not impede future development to a school nor conflict with existing underground services.
3. The Director of Operations will periodically inspect the construction of the sports/grounds area and/or school site playground to ensure that appropriate construction and safety standards are met.



4. The Director of Operations and the appropriate inspection authorities, will provide a final inspection and will provide those building the structure with a written confirmation either accepting the structure or indicating any modifications required to make the structure acceptable.
5. The Board may support the building of a sports/grounds area and/or school site playground with its own equipment and/or materials where such support does not disrupt maintenance work schedules.
6. The worksite must meet all Workers Compensation Board regulations and be subject to spot inspections.
7. The worksite will be subject to inspection by all applicable Inspection Authorities at any time.

IV. LASQUETI TEACHERAGE (HOUSING)

1. The Board acknowledges its responsibility to provide teacherages for teaching staff on Lasqueti Island for use when other accommodation is not available.
2. The use of teacherages shall be administered by the Secretary Treasurer.
3. When insufficient teacherage accommodation is available the Principal will have first option on space and thereafter the most senior teacher on the Island.
4. The Board shall determine an appropriate monthly rate to be charged in respect of each unit of housing accommodation.
5. Terms and Conditions
 - a. Teacherages will be available to teaching staff on an annual basis from August 1st to July 31st.
 - b. The rent shall be paid by the teacher through payroll deduction.
 - c. Teaching staff will be refunded for any monthly unused portion of the annual rent.
6. The teacher to whom the teacherage is let shall reside in the teacherage.
7. The teacher shall not sub-let the teacherage or any part thereof.
8. The teacher shall be responsible for telephone, internet and cable services.
9. The Board shall supply power, water and septic/sewer at no charge.
10. Maintenance of Board-owned appliances shall be the Board's responsibility.



11. When vacating a teacherage, notice shall be given one month in advance, and the teacherage shall be inspected by the Operations and Maintenance Department for cleanliness and damage. The inventory of furnishings shall be checked. Any damage in excess of normal wear and tear shall be assessed and the Secretary Treasurer advised so that appropriate financial arrangements can be made with the teacher.
12. The teacher shall vacate the teacherage on termination of the teacher's teaching assignment.

References:

- [Board Policy 105: Use of School Facilities](#)

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SCHEDULE A
HOURLY RATES FOR RENT OF FACILITY*

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

CATEGORY	CLASSROOM	ROOM OTHER THAN CLASSROOM	SMALL GYMNASIUM	LARGE GYMNASIUM	AUDITORIUM
School Programs	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth Programs	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Non Profit Organization/ Adult Recreation Groups	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Commercial	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

WEEKEND/STATUTORY HOLIDAY

CATEGORY	CUSTODIAL SERVICE	CLASSROOM	ROOM OTHER THAN CLASSROOM	SMALL GYMNASIUM	LARGE GYMNASIUM	AUDITORIUM
School Programs	4 hrs. min. (when required)	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth Programs	4 hrs. min (when required)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Non Profit Organization/ Adult Recreation Groups	4 hrs. min.	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Commercial	4 hrs. min.	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

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