

PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education may permit the use of District facilities when they are not being used for school purposes or if the use will not be disruptive to normal school operations. Permission to use the District facilities is subject to State Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

The Board of Education shall establish detailed regulations reflective of Section 414 of the Education Law, including rental fees, insurance certificates, etc. pertaining to the use of school facilities.

School organizations, nonprofit and for profit organizations, and any other organization or individual may be permitted to use the facilities, if found to be in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. Allowing the use of the facilities is not an act of endorsement of the activity or purpose.

Permitted activities include the following;

1. Instruction in any branch of education, learning or the arts;
2. Social, civic and recreational meetings and entertainments, as long as they are related to the welfare of, and open to, the general public;
3. Meetings or events when an admission fee is charged, as long as the requirements are met:
 - a. Proceeds serve an educational or charitable purpose; and,
 - b. A meeting or event is not for the exclusive benefit or under the exclusive control of a society, association, fraternal, secret or exclusive society. This requirement does not apply to organizations of veterans or volunteers.
4. Use as a polling place for public elections;
5. Instruction for individuals with disabilities if operated by a private organization approved by the Commissioner of Education;
6. Recreational, physical and athletic events, including competitive athletic contests of children attending a private, nonprofit school; provided such events are outside the school day;
7. Child care services during non-school hours that comply with the rules and regulations of State Law.

In situations where use of school facilities is requested by two organizations at the same time, usage shall be assigned by priority listing:

1. Public school activities;
2. Public school-connected activities;
3. Non-public school educational activities for children and youth;
4. Other community based cultural, educational, and recreational groups;
5. Other groups.

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The District may refuse any request to use facilities if it decides that the use of the facility is not in the best interests of the District. District facilities will not be made available to individuals or families for any use including, but not limited to funerals, wakes, memorials, weddings, or family reunions. The District will not deny any request to use facilities for an otherwise permissible activity solely because the activity expresses a particular religious or political viewpoint.

Users of the facilities should refer to the regulations for application, selection of organizations, usage fee determination, insurance liability protection and/or emergency notification. Such regulations shall be consistent with applicable statute and Regulations of the Commissioner.

Stadium Use

The use of the Corning Memorial Stadium will be governed by the lease agreement between the City of Corning and the District.

Memorial Stadium is the community's prime outdoor exhibition area. The District encourages its use for both school and community activities which meet the criteria for using the stadium's unique facilities. The Board will establish fees for the use of the facility.

To facilitate processing, all requests for stadium use must be in written form, and must first be submitted to the Athletic Director. Priorities for stadium use will be based on the consideration of the following factors:

1. large spectator seating capacity
2. availability of toilet facilities
3. concession stands
4. lighting for night events
5. manageability of gate receipts
6. recognition and identity of community groups and the priorities as listed above

Requests for summer use of Memorial Stadium must be received by the Athletic Director by May 1st if the request is to be considered in assigning priorities.

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