

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**Use of Facilities by Community Organizations**

When not in use for regular purposes, buildings and grounds or portions thereof may be used for adult education, discussion, religious, civic, social, recreation, entertainment purposes, and such other purposes that promote the welfare of the community, including use as registration and polling places for voters.

No person, group, or organization has any vested right to use the school; but the right to use the property for any lawful purpose is subject to approval by the School Board.

Accordingly, the Board will establish detailed regulations, including rental fees, pertaining to the public use of facilities.

The use of school buildings, grounds, equipment and facilities will be authorized by the Superintendent (or other named administrator) in conformity with the following regulations governing their use as approved by the Board:

1. Facilities may not be used for individual, private, or commercial purposes.
2. The use of school buildings for government purposes, meetings of pupils, community meetings, local community group entertainment for the community, clubs, alumni associations, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations affiliated with the school or town have precedence over all others. Requests for use of member facilities for programs must be cleared with the designated school should the nature of the request so justify.
3. School-related groups, as indicated in (2) above, will be permitted reasonable use of school facilities.
 - A) Review all requests on a monthly basis, and assign facility usage according to priorities that are established. Suggested prioritization:
 - BES Activities and Events: All school scheduling for academics, sports, clubs, etc., to take priority.
 - Barnstead Town-related activities: Town meetings, voting, emergency response, etc.
 - Barnstead Community Activities: Specifically those Barnstead organizations offering programs that improve the overall welfare of our town, affording equal access to all (Parks & Rec, BYBSA, 4-H, scouting, etc.)
 - Other Organizations: Example: AAU teams that serve a select group of athletes (often comprised of children from other towns, in addition to Barnstead).
 - B) Scheduling needs that extend beyond 1 month need to be reconsidered monthly to ensure that higher priority requests have not surfaced.

- 4) All activities must be under competent adult supervision approved by the Principal of the building involved. In all cases, an assigned member employee will be present. The group using the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment.
- 5) Groups receiving permission are restricted to the dates and hours approved and to the building area and facilities specified, unless requested changes are approved by the Principal.
- 6) Groups receiving permission are responsible for the observance of all fire and safety regulations at all times.
- 7) The use of alcoholic beverages, profane language, or gambling in any form is not permitted in school or municipal buildings. Smoking is not permitted on any school property.
- 8) The Board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the Red Cross and Civil Defense, and will make suitable facilities available without charge during community emergency or to prepare for civil defense.
- 9) Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be required for all outside groups given permission to use the facilities. Organizers of any activity not under the direct supervision of an employee must provide a Certificate of Insurance endorsed to name the school district as an additional insured.
- 10) The Board will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for use of facilities.
- 11) In situations where there is no cost to the member, or in situations where a mutual exchange of facilities is possible between the school and the event sponsor, rental fees may be modified or eliminated by the Board/Superintendent. In situations where extended use for a long period of time is required, rental fees may be set at a contract price.
- 12) The Board reserves the right to cancel any permission granted.

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