

Community Relations

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

It shall be the policy of the Board to encourage the greatest possible use of school buildings for community-wide activities. This is meant to include use by recognized civic, social and fraternal and religious organizations in accordance with law. Groups wishing to use the school facilities must secure written permission from the Superintendent and abide by the rules and regulations established for such use including restrictions on alcohol, tobacco and drug use. The Superintendent, at his/her discretion, may consult with the Board of Education. Monthly reports may be made to the Board regarding community use of the school facilities.

Specific Requirements Relating to Boy Scouts and other Title 36 Patriotic Youth Groups

The Boy Scouts Act applies to any local educational agency (LEA) that has a designated open forum or limited public forum and that receives funds made available through the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). It applies to any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other youth group designated in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

Under this law, no covered entity shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or discriminate against any group affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group that wishes to conduct a meeting within the covered entity's designated open forum or limited public forum. No covered entity shall deny access or opportunity or discriminate for reasons including the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country of the Boy Scouts of America or of the Title 36 patriotic youth group. The statute applies regardless of the entity's authority to make decisions about the use of its own school facilities.

For purposes of these regulations, an elementary or secondary school has a designated open forum whenever the school involved designates a time and place for one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities, including during the hours in which attendance at the school is compulsory, for reasons other than to provide the school's educational benefits or services.

For purposes of these regulations, an elementary or secondary school has a limited public forum whenever the school involved grants an offering to, or opportunity for, one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after the hours during which attendance at the school is compulsory.

Access to facilities and the ability to communicate using school-related means of communication must be provided to any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group on terms that are no less favorable than the most favorable terms provided to other outside youth or community groups.

No school, agency, or school served by an agency to which the Boy Scouts Act applies are required to sponsor any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group.

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The obligation to comply with the Boy Scouts Act is not obviated or alleviated by any State of local law or other requirement.

Education Law Section 414
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 108

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property
#5640 -- Smoking/Tobacco Use
#7310 -- School Conduct and Discipline
#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
District Code of Conduct on School Property

As of the adoption date of this policy a list of entities covered by Title 36 of the United States Code includes:

- Agricultural Hall Of Fame
- Air Force Sergeants Association
- American Academy Of Arts And Letters
- American Chemical Society
- American Council Of Learned Societies
- American Ex-Prisoners Of War
- American Gi Forum Of The United States
- American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated
- American Historical Association
- American Hospital Of Paris
- The American Legion
- The American National Theater And Academy
- The American Society Of International Law
- American Symphony Orchestra League
- American War Mothers
- Amvets (American Veterans Of World War Ii, Korea, And Vietnam)
- Army And Navy Union Of The United States Of America
- Aviation Hall Of Fame
- Big Brothers--Big Sisters Of America
- Blinded Veterans Association

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- Blue Star Mothers Of America, Inc.
- Board For Fundamental Education
- Boy Scouts Of America
- Boys & Girls Clubs Of America
- Catholic War Veterans Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Civil Air Patrol
- Congressional Medal Of Honor Society Of The United States Of America
- Corporation For The Promotion Of Rifle Practice And Firearms Safety
- Daughters Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War 1861-1865
- Disabled American Veterans
- 82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated
- Fleet Reserve Association
- Former Members Of Congress
- The Foundation Of The Federal Bar Association
- Frederick Douglass Memorial And Historical Association
- Future Farmers Of America
- General Federation Of Women's Clubs
- Girl Scouts Of The United States Of America
- Gold Star Wives Of America
- Chapter 901--Reserved
- Italian American War Veterans Of The United States
- Jewish War Veterans Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., National Memorial, Incorporated
- Ladies Of The Grand Army Of The Republic
- Legion Of Valor Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Little League Baseball, Incorporated
- Marine Corps League
- The Military Chaplains Association Of The United States Of America
- Military Order Of The Purple Heart Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Military Order Of The World Wars
- National Academy Of Public Administration
- National Academy Of Sciences
- National Conference Of State Societies, Washington, District Of Columbia
- National Conference On Citizenship
- National Council On Radiation Protection And Measurements
- National Education Association Of The United States
- National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
- National Federation Of Music Clubs
- National Film Preservation Foundation
- National Fund For Medical Education
- National Mining Hall Of Fame And Museum
- National Music Council

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- National Recording Preservation Foundation
- National Safety Council
- National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated
- National Society, Daughters Of The American Colonists
- The National Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution
- National Society Of The Sons Of The American Revolution
- National Tropical Botanical Garden
- National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary To The Grand Army Of The Republic
- The National Yoemen F
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps
- Navy Club Of The United States Of America
- Navy Wives Clubs Of America
- Non Commissioned Officers Association Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Paralyzed Veterans Of America
- Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
- Polish Legion Of American Veterans, U.S.A.
- Reserve Officers Association Of The United States
- Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated
- Society Of American Florists And Ornamental Horticulturists
- Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War
- Theodore Roosevelt Association
- 369th Veterans' Association
- United Service Organizations, Incorporated
- United States Capitol Historical Society
- United States Olympic Committee
- United States Submarine Veterans Of World War Ii
- Veterans Of Foreign Wars Of The United States
- Veterans Of World War I Of The United States Of America, Incorporated
- Vietnam Veterans Of America, Inc.
- Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association