

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416
BOARD POLICY

No. 4260

4000 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Public Access to Staff, Students, School Facilities

4260 - Use of School Facilities

The Board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but shall be expected to reimburse the district for such use to ensure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. On recommendation of the superintendent, the board will set the rental rates schedule.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, security, etc. Those using school facilities shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.

The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The district will provide copies of the district's nondiscrimination policy to all third parties using district facilities.

The key to residence determination for the groupings below shall be the residence of the majority of participants, not the residence of the group leader or coach. Local is defined as groups having at least 50% of the participants living within the White River School District boundaries. Participant lists may be required to determine if a group is local.

When facilities are used outside of regular school hours, or when the district incurs extra utility, cleaning or supervision costs, a fee, established by the superintendent, will be charged to recoup those costs. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion, head injury and sudden cardiac arrest in youth sports as required by [RCW 28A.600](#).

Rental groups have been divided into four categories for priority of use and rental rate purposes.

- Category 1 White River School District and Associated Users
Examples of this category are: WRSD sponsored events, WRSD athletic activities, student educational programs and the White River Community Activities Program
- Category 2 Child-Related Groups and Other Government Agencies
Examples of this category are: PTA, school booster clubs, regular meetings of Scouts, local government agencies, political caucuses, Young Life.
- Category 3 Local Non-Profit Groups
Examples of this category are: local homeowners association, local community chorale and bands, WR Youth Wrestling, local youth athletic groups local adult recreational groups. To be considered for this category, groups may only charge a nominal fee to cover the costs of the event.
- Category 4 Non-Local Youth and Adult Users and Others
Examples of this category are: Non-local and adult recreational teams and activities, churches, non-local performance groups, non-district sponsored classes or programs or any non-profit groups.

Conditions for Use of School Facilities

- 1) District-sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities will not be considered as endorsement or approval of the activity, group or organization.
- 2) School facilities are not available to groups that unlawfully discriminate in the selection of members or carry on unlawful activities.
- 3) Rules and regulations covering use of school facilities shall be established and made available to the community. The Superintendent shall establish damage and rental fees covering maintenance and supervisory costs. The facilities use fee schedule and facility use regulations will be made available to the public at the district office.
- 4) Youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion, head injury, and sudden cardiac arrest in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.
- 5) School equipment shall not be used or taken from school buildings except under provisions established by regulation.
- 6) Professional fund raisers representing charities must provide evidence that they are registered and bonded by the state of Washington. Such fund-raisers must provide evidence that the charity will receive at least sixty (60) percent of the gross revenues received from the public prior to approval to use the facilities.
- 7) The Superintendent and/or designee reserve the right to reject or cancel use of the facilities of the White River Schools to any organization without recourse.

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of School Districts under contracts with youth preograms.
	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for
	RCW 28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
	RCW 28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity
	RCW 28A.600	Students
	20 usc Sec. 7905	Boy Scout of America Equal Access Act
	34 CFR Sec. 108.6	Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups
	AGO 1973 No. 26, Initiative No. 276	School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2009	Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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