

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

REGULATION SERIES 1000 – SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

R1004 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES R1004.1 Use of School Facilities – Buildings and Grounds

Principles of Use:

1. The use of all school buildings and grounds will be governed by the following principles and regulations except for facilities and grounds covered by joint-use agreements.
2. The use of buildings and grounds covered by joint-use agreements will be governed by joint committees responsible for the management of such facilities. The following principles and regulations will be considered by such committees in governing their use:
 - a. School facilities are complex and contain costly equipment necessary to provide a quality public education program. Therefore, the Board reserves the right to restrict, or to deny community access to the District facilities when it deems such use is not in the best interests of the School District.
 - b. The Board recognizes that external use of school facilities adds to operating costs. Recovery of all costs will be made through a rental structure such that there is no subsidy.
 - c. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on School District property.
 - d. The Board will not generally undertake any special services such as snow removal for access to the school and parking lots over weekends or during periods where the schools do not normally operate.
 - e. The rental of school buildings and grounds for purely commercial activities will not be encouraged.
3. Order of priorities for use of school buildings and grounds will be as follows:
 - a. School use of facilities for school sponsored activities for students.
 - b. Community/Continuing Education Courses offered by School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky).

- c. Programs that are
 - i) determined by District Support Services staff to be consistent with and effectively support the Board's mandate for early learning, K-12, and/or adult learning, and
 - ii) offered by a recognized and credible community organization and/or a "licensed child care provider" by definition as set out in section 85.1 of the School Act.
 - d. Educational programs provided by a recognized public post-secondary institutions.
 - e. Recreational programs for youth sponsored by local governments or recognized public post-secondary institutions.
 - f. Recreational programs for adults sponsored by local governments or recognized public post-secondary institutions.
 - g. Activities sponsored by other recognized community groups.
 - h. All other groups.
4. Hours of Availability of School Buildings and Grounds
- a. Normally school facilities and grounds are available for use by external groups on school days after 5:00 pm and on non-school days after 8:00 am. Facilities may be available during the regular school day, subject to the availability of space (as determined by the School Principal and approved by the Superintendent of Schools). Such use must complement school activities and shall not compromise the health, security and/or safety of students or staff.
 - b. Facilities are available to licensed child care providers on business days between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Requests to start operations before 8 am may be subject to additional costs to facilitate access and service to the facility.
 - c. To facilitate maintenance and in depth cleaning, facilities may not be available during spring, summer, or Christmas breaks. Considerations of applications for use during school breaks will depend on various factors, such as increased security needs, reduced heating levels and the need to complete repairs, maintenance and custodial work.
5. In accordance with Section 177 of the School Act, custodial staff are authorized to direct people to leave school property if they feel the health, security or safety of staff, students, or property (including damage to school property) is at risk.