

School/Community Relations

Series 900

Policy Title: Community Use of School Facilities

Code No. 905.1

All Marshalltown Community School District school buildings are erected for the use of the District and shall not be used to promote private gain or for any purpose that will conflict with public school use. Any activity connected with the public school program will take precedence over any request for the use of the school property for any other purpose. Employees are not permitted to use school facilities for personal gain or private purpose.

The school facilities may be used by other groups or organizations in the community when such use does not conflict with the school program. It is understood that such use shall be for community purposes or the promotion of valuable community activities only and that any program presented shall have worth-while educational or cultural values and be free from objectionable qualities.

When schools are used for such purposes by any group of citizens in the community, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make such charge as will compensate the School District for use, basing the charge upon the purpose for which the property is to be used, the extent of the use and the extent of public interest in its use and the cost of servicing such proposed use. All such groups shall have an adult in direct supervision who will be personally responsible for any undue wear or tear.

Organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, etc., of the Marshalltown Community School District shall be permitted to use certain school areas for special activities at no cost. A charge may be made for servicing and maintaining the areas so used and particularly to restore

gym floors to their customary conditions for school purposes after any such special functions and activities, said charge to be based on the cost to the District of labor and materials.

No public school building shall be open without a custodian in attendance, unless by permission of the Principal or other Administrator, and the group using the facilities must have at least one adult present.

Swimming pool rental at the senior high is available to groups with adult leadership providing a certified lifeguard is in constant attendance and adequate supervision is maintained. Access to showers will be given, but swimmers must furnish their own soap and towels. Rules concerning health and sanitation as prescribed by the Board of Education shall be strictly observed.

The Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Commission will normally have first priority and facilities without rental fee by following the rules and procedures heretofore outlined.

"Use of School Premises by Religious Organizations"

Use of school premises by religious organizations is permitted with the following restrictions:

- 1) Use of school premises by religious organizations may be granted by the school administration pursuant to written application by such organizations setting forth in detail the date and time requested for such use, the amount of time required for any particular use and the intended program or nature of the use.
- 2) Use by religious organizations outside of the school district will not be permitted.
- 3) Use by religious organizations on a regularly scheduled basis, so that in effect a part of the school property becomes appropriated to the use of such organization, will not be permitted.

- 4) Use by any religious organization should be restricted as to number of uses.
- 5) Use by churches for their regular activities and services is permissible provided that only churches or other religious organizations who have their own buildings for their activities within the school district but whose facilities may be inadequate for special occasions or whose facilities have been rendered temporarily untenable may be permitted such use.

The school district will sponsor education related organizations' use of the ICN upon approval of the ICN Manager. Sponsored ICN users mission must be consistent with the mission of the school district. Costs associated with the use of the ICN will be passed on by the school district to the sponsored user.

Authorized users of the ICN shall ensure their use of the ICN is consistent with their written mission. The ICN will not be used for profit making ventures. Authorized users may not resell time on the ICN. Entities that wish to use the school district's ICN classroom to originate, receive or broadcast programming must follow the state scheduling requirements. However, it is recommended that entities that wish to use the school district's ICN classroom to originate, receive, or broadcast programming contact the school district's ICN scheduler's office to inform them of their needs.

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