

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

| 707. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES | |
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| 1. Purpose | <p>The Board recognizes that although the primary purpose of the school buildings, facilities and property is to provide students with an appropriate learning environment, the Board may make school facilities available to individuals and community groups without discrimination and in accordance with this policy, provided the use does not interfere with the educational program of the schools. This policy establishes conditions, restrictions and procedures for the use of school facilities for nonschool-sponsored purposes.</p> |
| 2. Authority | <p>The Board directs that use of school facilities may be granted to individuals and community groups for the following types of activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruction in any branch of education, learning and the arts, consistent with the district's mission. 2. Social, civic and recreational meetings and entertainment, and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community; but such use shall be non-exclusive and open to the public without charge. 3. Polling places for holding primaries, elections and special elections, as permitted or required by state law. 4. Recreation, physical training and athletics, including competitive athletic contests for children and adults. <p>The Board shall establish a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities by approved groups.</p> |
| 24 P.S. 775 2. Delegation of Responsibility | <p>The Superintendent shall ensure that this policy is posted on the district's publicly accessible website.</p> |
| 24 P.S. 510.2 | <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for requesting and granting permission to use school facilities and shall distribute the necessary information to individuals affected by them.</p> |

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| <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1 20 U.S.C. 7972, 7973 Pol. 904</p> <p>10 P.S. 328.101 et seq 61 PA Code 901.701</p> <p>24 P.S. 511</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possession, use or distribution of controlled substances prohibited by state or federal law. 2. Possession of weapons. 3. Conduct that would alter, damage or be injurious to any district property, equipment or furnishings. 4. Conduct that would constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, and/or state and federal laws and regulations. 5. Use of tobacco and vaping products, including the product marketed as Juul and other e-cigarettes, as defined in the law, except as expressly permitted in designated areas which must be located at least fifty (50) feet from school buildings, stadiums and bleachers. <p><i>Products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where the product is marketed and sold solely for such approved purpose, are permitted, as long as the product is not inhaled.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Medical marijuana products as prohibited by federal law. 7. Possession, use or distribution of alcoholic beverages. 8. Gambling, games of chance, lotteries, raffles or other activities requiring a license under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, unless such activity has been expressly authorized by the Board or administration. <p><u>Violations</u></p> <p>The district reserves the right to remove from district premises any individual or community group who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy and established procedures.</p> <p>In the event an individual or community group violates this policy or the terms under which permission was granted to use school facilities, that individual or community group forfeits the right to submit future written requests to use district property, unless otherwise decided by the Board.</p> |
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| | <p>Legal References</p> <p><u>24 P.S. 775</u> <u>24 P.S. 510.2</u> <u>24 P.S. 511</u> <u>18 Pa. C.S.A. 6306.1</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 7972</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 7973</u> Pol. 904 <u>10 P.S. 328.101 et seq</u> <u>61 PA Code 901.701</u> <u>24 P.S. 779</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 7905</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 7971 et seq</u> <u>61 PA Code 901.1</u></p> |
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