



WSD Policy E20

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

ADOPTION DATE:

Statement of Policy

The Winooski District (SU/SD) recognizes that although the primary purpose of the school facilities is to educate students within the district, school facilities are a valuable community resource. It is the policy of the (SU/SD) to make school facilities available to individuals and community groups without discrimination in accordance with this policy, provided the facilities are preserved for regular school activities.

Administrative Responsibilities

1. The superintendent may authorize the use of school facilities by community members for a variety of purposes, provided all relevant procedures are followed:
2. The superintendent shall establish procedures for the use of school facilities by community members, which, at minimum,
 - a. may include reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the use of the facilities;
 - b. shall not discriminate based on viewpoint;
 - c. shall include a fee schedule for facilities use;
 - d. shall require all users to demonstrate adequate insurance coverage;
 - e. shall require all users to agree to hold the district harmless from any and all liability resulting from their use of the facilities;
 - f. shall require all users to make clear in announcements and publicity that their events and activities are not sponsored by the school district; and
 - g. shall prohibit possession or use of a firearm or a dangerous or deadly weapon.
3. The superintendent may deny an application for use of facilities or terminate an individual or group's use for the following reasons:
 - a. Uses that are likely to cause a material and substantial disruption to school operations;
 - b. events and meetings promoting or sponsored by a political party;
 - c. political campaign events by/for someone running for office;
 - d. uses that interfere with school district maintenance and repair of facilities;
 - e. uses that could damage special equipment in the facilities;
 - f. uses that could reasonably be expected to or actually do give rise to a riot or public disturbance;
 - g. events or meetings of private for-profit entities;
 - h. events at which fees are charged for profit;
 - i. uses where alcoholic beverages or unlawful drugs are sold, distributed, consumed, promoted or possessed; and
 - j. any other uses prohibited by law.

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<i>Date Warned</i>	
<i>Date Adopted</i>	
<i>Legal References</i>	<p>16 V.S.A. § (3), (5) (Powers of school boards)</p> <p>13. V.S.A. § 4004</p> <p>20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)</p> <p>18 U.S.C. § 921 (Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990)</p> <p><i>Travis v. Owego-Apalachin School Dist.</i>, 927 F.2d 688 (2d Cir. 1991)</p> <p><i>Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist.</i>, 508 U.S. 384 (1993)</p> <p><i>Good News Club v. Milford Central Schools</i>, 533 U.S. 98 (2001)</p> <p><i>Child Evangelism Fellowship of South Carolina v. Anderson</i>, 47 F.3d 1062 (4th Cir. 2006)</p> <p><i>Hickock v. Orange County Comm. College</i>, 472 F. Supp. 2d 469 (S.D.N.Y. 2006)</p>
<i>Cross References</i>	Student Athletics, Clubs and Activities