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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Boulder Valley School District is an integral part of each community it serves. School buildings are centrally located in most neighborhoods and are a logical focal point for community activities. The Boulder Valley School District desires to nurture community involvement in the schools and encourage the use of the schools as community centers.

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop regulations and guidelines for regulating the use of school facilities and to set fees for use and for other related costs. The fee structure for community use must ensure that the School District's resources are directed to the education of youth while at the same time promoting community use of the buildings and community involvement in the schools. It is the Board's expectation that a reasonable fee structure will be applied equitably to all users. If the Superintendent or designee recommends a user receive any significant adjustments to the fee structure, including reduced fees or exchange of goods or services for fees, such adjustment must be documented in writing and notice provided to the Board.

The School District reserves the right to refuse approval for or to cancel any and all permits issued for the use of a school building or District facilities when it is deemed by the Superintendent or designee that such action is necessary for the best interests of the District.

Permission for use of District facilities does not constitute District endorsement of any organization, the beliefs of an organization or group, nor the expression of any opinion regarding the nomination, retention, election, or defeat of any candidate, nor the expression of any opinion as to the passage or defeat of any ballot issue.

For any approved request for community use, the School District and the user shall sign a written agreement. Any individual, group or organization using District facilities as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all district officers, agents and employees free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during or be in any way caused by such use or occupancy. When using school facilities, organizations may be required to furnish satisfactory liability insurance protection.

LEGAL REF.:

C.R.S. 18-18-407 (crime to sell, distribute or possess any controlled substance on or near school grounds or school vehicles)

C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(bb) (board duty to prohibit use of tobacco products on school property and at school-sponsored activities)

C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(f) (authority to rent or lease school district facilities)

C.R.S. 24-10-101 (Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)

C.R.S. 24-34-601 (discrimination in places of public accommodation)

C.R.S. 24-34-602 (penalty and civil liability for unlawful discrimination)

C.R.S. 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) (possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus is prohibited)

C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 (use of tobacco and retail marijuana products on school property is prohibited)

CROSS REFS.:

EDC, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials KFA, Public Conduct on District Property KFB, Use of School Buildings as Child-Care Centers

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