

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines how the school may be used for community activities.

II. POLICY

While the primary purpose of the school's facilities is to educate students at Thetford Academy, the school recognizes that the facilities are a valuable community resource. Accordingly, the Head of School (or his/her designee) may make school facilities available to individuals and community groups without discrimination in accordance with this policy, provided that Thetford Academy activities are given a higher priority.

III. COMPONENTS OF POLICY

A. Individuals and groups may use school facilities for at the discretion of the Head of School (or his/her designee) for purposes including but not limited to:

- Meetings by parent-teacher organizations and school booster organizations whose purpose is to support the operations of the school;
- Meetings by employees' professional organizations comprised of school employees;
- Instruction in any branch of education, learning, and the arts;
- Social, civic and recreational meetings, and entertainment, provided the events are open to the public;
- Civic forums and community centers, provided the events are open to the public;
- Recreation, physical training and athletics, including competitive athletic contests for children and adults;
- Private academic tutoring or music lessons;
- Child care programs;
- Meetings, entertainment and occasions where admission fees are charged, when the proceeds are to be spent for an educational or charitable purpose, and the events are open to the public.

B. The Head of School (or his/her designee) may deny an application for use of facilities or terminate an individual's or group's use for purposes including but not limited to:

- Events and meetings promoting or sponsored by a political party;
- Political campaign events by someone running for office;
- Uses that interfere with school maintenance and repair of facilities;
- Uses that could damage special equipment in the facilities;
- Uses that could reasonably be expected to or actually do give rise to a riot or public disturbance;
- Uses that are likely to cause a material and substantial disruption to school operations;
- Events or meetings of private for-profit entities;

- Events at which fees are charged for profit;
- Uses where alcoholic beverages or unlawful drugs are sold, distributed, consumed, promoted or possessed; and
- Uses prohibited by law.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Head of School (or his/her designee) may put reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the use of facilities.

The Head of School (or his/her designee) shall set a fee schedule for community use of school facilities and shall administer it in a manner that does not discriminate based on viewpoint. All users shall be required to demonstrate adequate insurance coverage and shall agree to hold the school harmless from any and all liability resulting from their use of the facilities. All users shall be required to make clear in all announcements and publicity that their events and activities are not sponsored by Thetford Academy.

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