

## **Community Use Of School Facilities (Classifications)**

### **Classification 1**

- Adult groups such as PTA and booster organizations, organized for the express purpose of supporting authorized district programs, with dues paying members and bylaws, may use school facilities during regularly staffed school days free of charge; with the exception of certain fundraisers and enrichment programs where fees may be assessed.
- District-sponsored activities, such as wellness programs and employee organizations (MEA, CSCEA, etc.) may use facilities free of charge.
- The Adams County Clerk, municipalities and special districts may use school facilities free of charge for any regularly scheduled or special election.
- Precinct caucuses to support activities referenced in state law may use facilities free of charge.
- Any organization wishing to use district buildings or facilities for the purpose of sponsoring a forum for Board of Education candidates at which all candidates are given an equal opportunity to speak or present their views on issues shall be allowed to use district buildings or facilities without charge.
- With the exception of employee organizations, custodial overtime for Classification 1 will be charged according to the current fee schedule for non-staff hours during weekends and holidays in compliance with the current 12-month budget.
- Scouting organizations

### **Classification II**

- Character building, recreational and educational groups of school-age children of Mapleton Public Schools and/or Adams County, such as recreation associations, may use district facilities for a fee according to the current fee schedule.

### **Classification III**

- Nonprofit groups may use district facilities for noncommercial and non-fundraising purposes according to the current fee schedule. Organizations such as homeowners' associations, political parties, service clubs and churches or religious organizations are included in this group.
- Government entities located in Adams County or Thornton City who have entered into joint use agreements as approved by the Board may use facilities in accordance with each agreement.

### **Classification IV**

- Nonprofit organizations using buildings or facilities for fund-raising activities, or when admission to an event is charged, will be charged the commercial fee according to the current fee schedule.

- Profit-making groups which use district facilities for conduct of a commercial enterprise shall pay a fee in accordance with the current fee schedule.

### **Additional Requirements**

- Fund-raising events by users which benefit the school must be approved by the Principal and Superintendent or designee.
- School buildings and facilities may not be used for private family use, i.e. weddings or wedding receptions, parties, funerals, recreation, picnics, cookouts, religious celebrations, such as Bar Mitzvahs/Bat Mitzvahs, family reunions, etc.
- Except for district-sponsored activities, all use of district facilities beyond the regularly staffed work day will require an additional fee according to the current fee schedule. In the event the school closes for any reason, including inclement weather, utility emergencies or construction activities, facilities will not be available.
- Custodial overtime for all groups will be charged according to current fee schedule for non-staff hours during weekends and holidays.
- Any individuals or organized group which otherwise would be allowed to use school facilities pursuant to designated Groups I, II, III, or IV may staff informational tables, to be positioned as determined by the building-level administrator, at school-wide events such as registration and back-to-school nights. The staffing of such informational tables may only occur after school hours and when the building-level administrator has determined that such tables will not interfere with the orderly effectuation of the planned event.

### **Use of Equipment**

Specialized district equipment, i.e. audio visual equipment, public address systems, etc. may be provided based upon availability, for a fee in accordance with the current fee schedule, with principal approval. Additional charges may be assessed on a site-to-site basis.

### **Denial of Requests**

District buildings and facilities will not be available for community use on those days which are designated as official holidays for district employees. In the event of an energy shortage, conservation program, major maintenance/renovation, inclement weather, staff shortages or other events beyond the district's reasonable control, some or all buildings and facilities may not be available; and if previously approved, may be cancelled.

Individuals, groups, or organizations which advance any doctrine or theory which is subversive to the Constitution or laws of the state of Colorado or the United States will be denied the use of district facilities.

Individuals, groups, or organizations which advocate social or political change by use of violence will be denied the use of district facilities.

Misuse or abuse of district facilities as well as nonpayment of previous use, will result in the immediate cancellation and/or denial of the building use form.

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