

Community Use of School Facilities

School district property in Colorado is state property held in trust for the state by local boards of education. The local school board may permit use of TPCA facilities for other than TPCA purposes according to established policies.

This policy and the accompanying regulation are intended to encourage facility use, reflect TPCA's priority for quality education and recognize the community as a partner. The separate fee structure for user groups shall ensure that TPCA will spend its money directly on the education of youth while promoting community use of TPCA facilities and community involvement in the schools. Direct costs and additional fees for use/services will be assessed pursuant to this policy.

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of prioritizing use of TPCA facilities for youth related activities, and has established its fee structure to reflect that priority, encouraging direct benefit to the youth in our community.

Any individual, group or organization using school property as provided under this policy shall hold the Board of Education, individual Board members and all TPCA 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 liability insurance protection.

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

Permitted Uses Not Subject to Fees Other Than Direct Costs:

1. TPCA activities
2. TPCA Parent Teacher Organization (aka PTO)
3. TPCA Building Corporation
4. Precinct caucuses
5. Government elections
6. Police/Fire Department training

Prohibited Uses

TPCA facilities shall not be used:

1. for any purpose which could result in unlawful picketing, rioting, disturbing the peace, or damage to TPCA or neighboring property, or for any other purpose that is prohibited by law
2. for activities defined as gambling by the State statutes
3. for private social gatherings such as birthday parties, weddings, receptions, funerals, and memorials except as approved by the TPCA Board or administration
4. for any activity which would be in competition with a TPCA program

5. during the regular school day or during extra curricular activities except as approved by the TPCA Board or administration
6. during periods when schools and/or grounds are closed due to construction, maintenance, or repairs
7. for activities which would be incompatible with the school neighborhood
8. for activities that could jeopardize the safety or security of individuals or TPCA property

TPCA reserves the right to deny or cancel all contracts and agreements for community use of school facilities and fields without penalty to TPCA when it is determined by the administration or designee that such action is in the best interest of TPCA.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(f) Board of education – specific powers 20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

CROSS REFS.:

ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools

KBE, Relations with Parent Organizations

KHC, Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials

KF, SVVSD policy for Community Use of School Facilities

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