FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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	707. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
1. Purpose	The quality and efficiency of education in the Fox Chapel Area School District depends to a great degree on the good will and support of the public. One way a greater rapport between the school district and its residents can be fostered is the encouragement of public usage of school facilities. Recognizing the expressed need of district residents for facilities that would help to create a better sense of community, the Board has devised an encouraging policy concerning the public usage of school facilities, providing that the use does not interfere with the educational program of the school. The Board also recognizes the great capital investments that district residents have made in the schools and have created guidelines that will allow the Board to protect these investments by maintaining all the facilities in good condition. Since the public schools derive the greatest part of their support from the public they serve, the Board particularly encourages groups of residents to use the school facilities for their recreational, social and educational advantage. The Board believes that these nonprofit endeavors are most consistent with the spirit of the public schools and further believes the schools and other facilities should not be used primarily for individual or corporate financial gain. It is understood that use of facilities for student activities has priority. The Board adopts this policy for the public usage of school facilities as evidence of its intention to create a better school-community relationship.
2. Authority	The Board directs that use of school facilities may be granted to individuals and community groups for the following types of activities: 1. Instruction in any branch of education, learning and the arts, consistent with the school district's mission.

	2. Social, civic and recreational meetings and entertainment, and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community; but such use shall be nonexclusive and open to the public without charge. 3. Polling places for holding primaries, elections and special elections as permitted or required by state law. 4. Recreation, physical training and athletics, including competitive athletic contests for children and adults.
SC 775	The Board shall establish a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities by approved groups. The Board requires that use of school buildings, grounds and facilities be strictly in accord with the School Code, its regulations and any local regulations such as fire and safety, etc. The Board reserves the right to require any group to purchase liability insurance up to $1,000,000. In the event the Board so stipulates, it will be called to the attention of the user at the time of the signing of the contract. The Board assumes no liability for any loss, damage, or personal injury occurring through the use of the facility requested in the application. A liability resulting from the use of the school facility is reserved to the applicant for the same. The Board reserves the right to require police protection at the time the facilities are being used at the expense of the organization making the request. In the event this is a requirement, it will be stipulated at the time of the signing of the contract. The school district reserves the right to cancel the use of any facility when an unexpected circumstance requires the school district's use of that particular facility. The district reserves the right to reject any request upon the belief of the Superintendent that the requested use may pose an unreasonable threat to the health and safety of members of the school community. Representatives of the School Board reserve the right to attend and monitor all activities held on school property. In the event of a community disaster, permission to use a school facility may be granted by the Superintendent or building principal. In the event of their absence, any Board member may grant permission.

3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for requesting and granting permission for use of school facilities and shall distribute the policy and procedures to individuals affected by them. An application for use of school facilities may be disapproved because of noncompliance with established policy and procedures by the building principal or athletic director. Any organization or group using the school facilities shall designate one (1) member of the group as being in charge and responsible for the use of the school facilities. This person shall, in turn, be responsible to the principal and custodian of the building in which the event is taking place. It shall be the responsibility of the organization and the person in charge of the group using the facilities to have complete control over all persons involved and to see they are restricted to the portion of the building requested for the activity. At least one (1) adult shall remain until the premises are vacated as scheduled. <u>Prohibited Activities</u>
SC 511	The following activities are strictly prohibited in school facilities when individuals and community groups are granted written permission to use said school facilities: 1. Possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and/or alcoholic beverages. 2. Possession of weapons. 3. Conduct that would alter, damage or be injurious to any district property, equipment or furnishings. 4. Conduct that would constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, and/or state and federal laws and regulations.
10 P.S. Sec. 311 et seq Title 61 Sec. 901.701 Pol. 913.1	5. Games of chance, lotteries, raffles or other gambling activities requiring a license under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, except the Superintendent may approve licensed nonprofit organizations to conduct such activities in accordance with established district procedures.
35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7182, 1783	6. Use of tobacco products. 7. Profane language and fighting.

	Violations
SC 511	The school district reserves the right to remove from school district premises any individual or community group who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy and established procedures. In the event an individual or community group violates this policy or the terms under which permission was granted to use school facilities, that individual or community group forfeits the right to submit future written requests to use school district property, unless otherwise decided by the Board.
	Fee Schedule
707-AR	The charge for use of school facilities shall be in accordance with district regulations.
School Code 511, 775 61 PA Code Sec. 901.701 10 P.S. 311 et seq 35 P.S. 1223.5 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7905 Board Policy 913.1	