

## R 7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

### A. Classification of Users

Organizations and individuals using school facilities will be classified as Class I, II, III, or IV users as follows:

1. **Class I Organizations** – Class I organizations whose sole purpose is to benefit the interest of Tabernacle Township school children. No fees will be charged to Class I Organizations. Included in this classification are:

- (a) School Organizations and Clubs
- (b) Pupil and School Parent/Teacher Groups  
(PTA, PTO, Home-School Association)

2. **Class II Organizations** – Class II Organizations are Tabernacle Township non-profit groups whose primary purpose is to benefit the community. No fees will be charged to Class II Organizations. Included in this classification are:

- (a) Tabernacle Athletic Association
- (b) Community Civic Organizations (Boy and Girl Scouts)
- (c) Tabernacle Fire/Emergency Squads
- (d) Community Church Groups

NOTE: Weekend usage or usage that requires specific district personnel after contracted hours will be charged per the hourly personnel fee schedule.

3. **Class III Organizations** – Class III Organizations are groups in Tabernacle Township whose sole purpose is to build up or benefit their own organization or interest, whether an admission fee is charged or not. Groups in this classification will be charged the fees established under Class III usage on the fee schedule and hourly personnel fee schedule. Included in this classification are:

- (a) Dance Schools
- (b) Music Schools
- (c) Other similar Tabernacle Township groups/organizations



4. **Class IV Organizations** – Class IV Organizations are groups outside of Tabernacle Township whose sole purpose is to build up or benefit their own organization or interest, whether an admission fee is charged or not. Groups in this classification will be charged the fees established under Class IV usage on the fee schedule and hourly personnel fee schedule. Included in this classification are:

- (a) All other organizations or groups outside of Tabernacle Township

B. Application Procedures

1. Facility Usage Request Forms are available online – [tabschools.org](http://tabschools.org) under Building and Grounds.
2. Application for use of school facilities must be submitted not less than ten working days before the date of the requested use. A use that requires the approval of the Board must be submitted not less than ten working days prior to a regular Board meeting and not less than ten working days before the date of the requested use.
3. The application must include all the facilities that the applicant wishes to use and all the dates and times of the requested use. Approval of any application is limited to the facilities, dates, and times expressly requested on the application. Approval does not include the privilege of additional rehearsal time or the use of rooms or buildings not expressly requested.
4. The application must include all the equipment and supplies that the applicant wishes to include in the use, pursuant to Policy No. 7520, Loan of School Equipment.

C. Approval

1. The Business Administrator will review each application and check the school calendar to determine whether the facility requested is available at the date and time requested, that is, the facility has not been scheduled
  - a. For use in the instructional or co-curricular program,
  - b. For maintenance, repair, or capital improvement, or





5. The Business Administrator will determine the classification (I, II, III, or IV) of the applicant organization and the fees and costs, if any, to be charged for the use of the facility.
6. In the event of a conflict between requesting organizations within the same class, the request received earlier by the district will be honored first.
7. A copy of each approved or disapproved application will be distributed to the representative who signed the application form.
8. The application form will include the rules governing the use of school facilities, and the representative's signature on the application will signify notice of those rules and the organization's agreement to be bound by those rules.
9. The Board reserves the right to deny an application and to withdraw permission to use school facilities after approval has been granted and after the use has commenced. Permission may specifically be withdrawn from any organization whose representative has willfully made misrepresentation on the application or whose members violate the rules established for the use of school facilities. Such withdrawal of permission may constitute grounds for denying a future application made by the organization.
10. Permission to use school facilities is not transferable.
11. The organization representative must inform the Business Administrator of any canceled use request as soon as he/she is aware of the cancellation. An organization's failure to inform the Business Administrator of a canceled use at least five working days in advance of the scheduled time of the use may result in imposition of service charges.
12. Permission to use a school facility is automatically withdrawn on a day when the facility is closed for inclement weather, work stoppage, or other emergency.



## D. Insurance and Indemnification

1. The representative of an organization granted permission to use a school facility must assume responsibility for the orderly and careful use of the facility and must agree to assume liability for any damage or loss of property caused by the use or in the course of the use.
2. The organization and/or its representative will hold the Board of Education harmless from claims arising out of the permitted use of the school facility or during the user's occupancy. In addition, the user shall agree to save the Board harmless from liability for injury or damage to any person or property of any person who may be attending or participating in the function or activity for which permission has been granted.
3. The user shall furnish evidence of the purchase of liability insurance in the amount of:
  - a. \$500,000 per person,
  - b. \$500,000 per accident or event, and
  - c. \$500,000 property damage.
4. Any youth sports team organization that is granted permission to use school facilities must provide the school district proof of an insurance policy against liability for any bodily injury in the amount of not less than \$50,000 per person per occurrence, insuring the youth sports team organization against liability for any bodily injury suffered by a person. The youth sports team organization must also provide a statement of compliance with the school district's Policy and Regulation 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries, which will be provided to the adult representative of the requesting organization with the application to use school facilities.

For the purpose of this Policy, a "youth sports team organization" means one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department.



E. Rules for the Use of School Facilities

1. Users of school facilities will be bound by the law.
  - a. Users must comply strictly with all applicable statutes; municipal ordinances; and rules of the Board of Health, Fire Department, and Police Department regarding public assemblies.
  - b. The use must not exceed the established capacity of the facility used.
  - c. The use must not involve unlawful gambling or games of chance. Proof of appropriate licenses are required prior to the event.
  - d. The use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol and/or controlled dangerous substances is absolutely prohibited, in accordance with law and Policy Nos. 5530 and 7435.
  - e. Smoking is prohibited in accordance with Policy No. 7434.
  - f. School facilities cannot be used for any purpose prohibited by law or likely to result in rioting, disturbance of the peace, damage to property or for the purpose of defaming others.
2. Users of school facilities will respect Board property.
  - a. The user will not damage, destroy, or deface school property. The facility shall be used with care and left in an orderly and neat condition.
  - b. The user must request in the application and receive permission to bring and use equipment, decorations, or materials to the school facility. Usage and set up of equipment, decorations, or materials will only be permitted upon review and approval of the Facilities Manager and/or Business Administrator. No equipment, decorations, or materials may be attached/adhered to floors, walls, windows, woodwork, curtains or fixtures or affixed to the same in any manner that defaces or damages school property or grounds.



- c. Any equipment, scenery, decorations, or other material brought to the school facility and any debris caused by the use or remaining after the use must be promptly removed by the user. Any such materials left on school premises beyond the time period approved in the application may be removed by the Board at the user's expense. The Board assumes no liability for damage to or loss of materials brought to school facilities.
- d. The user must request in the application and receive permission to use, move, or tune a district piano. A piano may be moved only by school district staff or by a competent and experienced commercial mover approved by the Board and at the expense of the user. Any piano that has been moved must be returned to its original placement with the same care and at the expense of the user.
- e. Users of the gymnasium must ensure that all participants wear rubber-soled footwear to prevent damage to floors.
- f. No school facility may be used for a purpose in conflict with the purpose for which the facility was designed.
- g. Lighting equipment, ventilation systems, and thermostatic controls may be operated only by an employee of the district.
- h. The user must request in the application and receive permission to serve and consume food and/or beverages on school premises. Services will be limited to warming/chilling of food items and beverages prior to distribution. No food preparation will be permitted on site. The service and consumption of food and/or beverages is strictly limited to the area for which permission is granted. If food and/or beverages are served, the user must clean all utensils, equipment, serving dishes, and the like and restore the facility to its proper condition. The user may not consume food or beverages or use supplies purchased with school district funds. Food items are not permitted in the gymnasium and/or locker rooms.
- i. No signs, posters, advertisements, or other displays may be placed in a school building without prior approval.



- j. No school keys shall be issued to a user.
  - k. With the exception of service animals. No animal shall be allowed on school premises without prior approval.
  - l. An authorized school district staff member shall examine the school facilities and/or grounds after the use and will inform the user of any loss or damage that must be corrected.
  - m. Permission to use school facilities extends only to the facility requested. Users are not entitled to enter health offices, administrative offices, storage closets, or any other room to which permission to use has not been expressly granted. Users are not permitted to use district telephones, word processors, and office equipment.
  - n. No vehicles of any type shall be operated in any area that is not designed for such vehicles without prior permission.
3. Uses Must be Properly Supervised.
- a. A school custodian must be on duty during the entire time a use occurs. The custodian is present for the purpose of insuring the security and proper functioning of the facility and of enforcing these regulations. The custodian is paid by the Board and may not accept gratuities from users. If the custodian is needed to perform extra services as an accommodation to the user, the user may be charged an additional fee and the custodian will be compensated accordingly by the district.
  - b. The use of certain school facilities (such as kitchen and auditorium stage) require the services of school employees trained in the use of the facility. The user will be charged an additional fee and the school employee will be compensated accordingly by the district.
  - c. The user must assume full responsibility for the conduct of all participants in the use while they are in or about school buildings and grounds and must enforce these regulations. The user must provide an adequate number of persons to supervise participants in





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the activity. The district, depending on the activity, may require as a condition of approval, a certain number of chaperones, law enforcement officials, and/or a school district representative(s) to be present at the activity.

- d. The user must, in consultation with the Facilities Manager, anticipate the need for the assistance of police officers, fire fighters, and/or parking attendants. All such services must be arranged by the user and will be at the expense of the user. When a user refuses or fails to secure police, fire, and/or parking assistance after having been advised to do so, the Facilities Manager may recommend that permission to use the facility be withdrawn.
- e. School officials are entitled to full and free access to any part of the school premises during any use. No user may exclude a Board member or school official from a school facility for any reason.

### F. Usage Fee Schedule

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Classroom (per classroom)	No Fee	No Fee	\$35.00	\$45.00
D.E.N./Library/Media Center	No Fee	No Fee	\$150.00	\$300.00
Gym	No Fee	No Fee	\$225.00	\$450.00
Athletic Field (per field)	No Fee	No Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00
Cafeteria/All-Purpose Room	No Fee	No Fee	\$100.00	\$200.00

Note: Usage and Fees associated with the usage is on a per diem basis.

### Schedule of Personnel Fees

1. Custodian personnel must be present during all activities. The number of custodians required per event will be determined by the Buildings and Grounds Manager, based on the areas in use, number of persons expected, and the services that will be required. The district will attempt to keep the number of personnel required to the minimum necessary.



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## 2. Hourly Rates

Custodian	\$40.00 / hour
Cafeteria Worker	\$30.00 / hour
Security	District Costs
Audio-visual Technician	\$40.00 / hour

- A district supervisor will be assigned by the Superintendent of Schools for events with attendance over 350 persons. This person will be required to report to the facility to insure that all rules and regulations are being obeyed, after which he/she must remain on call for the period of the event. The cost for a district supervisor will be a fixed fee of \$100.

NOTE: All fees for facilities use and personnel will be made payable directly to the **Tabernacle Township Board of Education**

- An itemized bill for the use of school facilities will be prepared based on the approved application form. The bill will be sent to the representative of the applicant organization in advance of the use and payment may be requested in advance of the use.

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