

Obion County Board of Education

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1 When not in use for school purposes, school buildings and grounds or portions thereof may be used for
 2 public, governmental, charitable, civic, recreational, cultural, and other purposes as approved by the Board.^{1,2}

- 3 1. Requests for the use of school facilities shall be made at the office of the principal prior to the date of
 4 use.
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- 6 2. Student clubs and activities, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations affiliated with the
 7 schools shall be permitted use of school facilities without charge;
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- 9 3. School facilities may not be used for private profit, except that unused facilities may be leased for
 10 private day-care centers which provide educational and child care services to the community;³
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- 12 4. All activities must be under adult supervision and approved by the building principal. The group using
 13 the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment;
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- 15 5. Groups receiving permission for building use are restricted to the dates and hours approved and to the
 16 building area and facilities specified unless requested changes are approved by the principal;
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- 18 6. Groups receiving permission for building use are responsible for the observance of all fire and safety
 19 regulations at all times;
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- 21 7. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco, profane language, or gambling in any form is not
 22 permitted in school buildings;
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- 24 8. The Board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the Red Cross, National Guard and Civil
 25 Defense, and will make suitable facilities available without charge during community emergencies;
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- 27 9. When school kitchens are used, at least one member of the cafeteria staff must be present to supervise
 28 the use of the equipment;
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- 30 10. Food permitted in the classrooms will be left to the discretion of the principal.
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- 32 11. Groups using school facilities are responsible for providing liability insurance.
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- 34 12. It is the responsibility of the group using the school facility to leave it clean and repair any damage that
 35 may occur during their use of the facility.
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- 37 13. Food and drinks will be permitted inside the school gyms at the discretion of the principal.
 38 Refreshments may be eaten in the lobby areas of the elementary schools where the principal chooses not
 39 to allow it inside the gymnasium.

1 Exception for Incorporated Student Youth Athletic Organizations

- 2 Incorporated Student Youth Athletic Organizations that are in compliance with the administrative procedure
3 addressing such organizations are exempt from the portions of this policy addressed in the administrative
4 procedure.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-50-201
2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(4); TCA 49-2-405
3. TCA 49-2-203(b)(4)(B)

Cross References

- Tobacco-Free Schools 1.803
Care of School Property 6.311