

Decatur 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
 3 Board.^{1,2}

- 4 1. Requests for the use of a school's facilities shall be made at the office of the principal;
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- 6 2. Student clubs and activities, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations affiliated with
 7 the 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
 10 for private day-care centers which provide educational and child care services to the
 11 community;³
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- 13 4. All activities must be under adult supervision and approved by the building principal. If
 14 deemed necessary, the principal may assign a school employee to be present. The group using
 15 the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment;
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- 17 5. Groups receiving permission for building use are restricted to the dates and hours approved and
 18 to the building area and facilities indicated, unless requested changes are approved by the
 19 principal;
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- 21 6. Groups receiving permission for building use are responsible for the observance of all fire and
 22 safety regulations at all times;
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- 24 7. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco, profane language, or gambling in any form is
 25 not permitted in school buildings;
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- 27 8. During emergencies or disasters, the board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the
 28 Red Cross, National Guard and Civil Defense to make suitable facilities available without
 29 charge;
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- 31 9. When school kitchens are used, at least one member of the cafeteria staff must be present to
 32 supervise the use of equipment;
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- 34 10. The board will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for the use of school facilities by
 35 community or civic organizations and other non-profit groups.
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- 1 11. The director of schools shall develop procedures and forms to effectively implement this
- 2 policy.

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