

Hardin County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in October	Descriptor Term: Community Use of School Facilities	Descriptor Code: 3.206	Issued Date: 11/04/02
		Rescinds:	Issued:

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.^{1,2,3}

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- 5 1. Requests for the use of school facilities shall be made at the office of the principal prior to the
- 6 date of use;
- 7 2. Student clubs and activities, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations affiliated with
- 8 the schools shall be permitted use of school facilities without charge;
- 9 3. School facilities may not be used for private profit, except that unused facilities may be leased
- 10 for private day-care centers and kindergartens which provide educational and child care services
- 11 to the community;²
- 12 4. All activities must be under adult supervision and approved by the building principal. In all cases,
- 13 an assigned school employee will be present. The group using the facilities will be responsible
- 14 for any damage to the building or equipment;
- 15 5. Groups receiving permission for building use are restricted to the dates and hours approved and
- 16 to the building area and facilities specified, unless requested changes are approved by the princi-
- 17 pal;
- 18 6. Groups receiving permission for building use are responsible for the observance of all fire and
- 19 safety regulations at all times;
- 20 7. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, profane language, or gambling in any form is not
- 21 permitted in school buildings;
- 22 8. The Board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the Red Cross, National Guard and
- 23 Civil Defense, and will make suitable facilities available without charge during community
- 24 emergencies;
- 25 9. When school kitchens are used, at least one member of the cafeteria staff must be present to
- 26 supervise the use of the equipment;
- 27 10. The Board will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for the use of school facilities by
- 28 community or civic organizations and other non-profit, recreational, religious, political or
- 29 philosophical groups.
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 38 Legal References:

- 39 1. TCA 49-50-201
- 40 2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(4)
- 41 3. *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District*,
 113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993)

Cross References:

Tobacco-Free Schools 1.803
 Care of School Property 6.311