

# ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Policy No. 4260  
Community Relations

## USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Anacortes School District buildings and facilities are provided primarily and specifically for use in supporting the educational program for school-age children. Any other use of district facilities will be considered after the priorities of educational programs and related activities.

### USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The use of school facilities by members of the community is strongly supported. Procedures governing such use will be developed and revised by the Superintendent.

Use of school facilities shall not interfere with regular school curricular programming nor interfere with school sponsored activities. Facilities will only be used for district-approved programs during normal school day hours. District approval for facility use must be obtained before use is permitted. Approval of use of district facilities by a group or organization does not constitute endorsement of the group or organization's objectives by the District

The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The district will provide copies of the district's nondiscrimination policy to all third parties using district facilities.

#### School or Child-Related Groups or Other Government Agencies

School or Child-related Groups or Other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose is to promote the welfare of students, or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTA, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. The district will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives.

A separate interlocal agreement between the District and City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation allows priority use of district facilities over other non-school users based upon prior scheduling of facility use.

A schedule of fees and charges will be developed by the Superintendent as provided by RCW and approved by the Board of Directors. Fees will be established by user classification, will be consistently applied, and will reimburse the District for expenses associated with the approved use.

School facilities may be rented or leased for such purposes as provided by law. Rental, lease or use of school facilities may be denied to individuals or groups or causes if the District has experience or knowledge that the individual, group, or activity would be disruptive, dangerous, or destructive to persons or property or which would cause the district to assume an unreasonable risk or liability.



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Depending on the activity, the District may require individuals or groups to provide proof of liability insurance satisfactory to the District and its Risk Manager prior to the rental, lease, or use of district facilities.

In order to insure the orderly operation of the instructional program and the safety and health of school district students and staff, appropriate notification related to the use of facilities and/or school grounds will be accomplished by school district officials.

## RESTRICTED USES

Some district areas and facilities may be posted with certain uses limited. For health and safety purposes:

1. School parking areas are to be used for vehicle parking only, unless proper consent is obtained from the Business Manager. Loitering in school district parking areas is prohibited.
2. Horses are prohibited from school grounds.
3. Motorbikes and other vehicles are not permitted on school property except on roadways and parking areas designated for public vehicles.
4. Tennis courts are restricted to tennis players only.
5. The flying of model airplanes or rockets when it hinders other ongoing student or public activities will be prohibited.
6. Use of golf equipment on school grounds is prohibited except in organized instructional programs.
7. Use of skateboards on school grounds is prohibited.

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Cross References:	Policy 3422	Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries
Legal References:	<u>RCW 4.24.660</u>	Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs
	RCW 28A.230.180	Educational and career opportunities in the military, student access to information on, when
	<u>RCW 28A.320.510</u>	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for



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RCW 28A.335.150

Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities

RCW 28A.335.155

Use of buildings for youth programs — Limited immunity

20 USC Sec. 7905

Boys Scout of America Equal Access Act

34 CFR Sec. 108.6

Equal Access to Public School Facilities For The Boy Scouts of America and Other

Designated Youth Groups

AGO 1973 No. 26

School districts — Use of school facilities for presentation of programs — Legislature — Elections

## Management Resources:

*Policy and Legal News*, July, 2013

Equal access to K-12 campuses law goes into effect

*Policy and Legal News*, June 2013

Use of School Facilities policy clarification

*Policy News*, December 2011

Changes in WSSDA's *Policy Reference Manual*

*Policy News*, August 2009 Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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