

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL PLAYFIELDS

Background

School playfields are not usually required for school purposes during evening hours on school days or on days when school is not in session. There is, however, a community need by both organized and unorganized groups to have playfield facilities available during non-school required times for public use.

The district encourages community groups to use school playfields when they are not required for school purposes. Principals are authorized to allocate their playfield facilities to both organized and unorganized community groups.

Procedures

1. No charge will be made for the use of school playfields.
2. Groups using school playfields must (as determined by the School Administration) register with the school for permission and access, and provide group contact information along with the purpose of use and a schedule of dates and times for accessing the playfield facility.
3. Any damage to school buildings or property, as determined by the district, will be paid for by the group using the facility.
4. Where a group using school playfields has not registered with school, the playfield facilities are available on a 'first come, first accessed' basis.
5. Groups using school playfields must accept them at their own risk and are to understand there is no obligation expressed or implied on the part of the district as to the suitability of the facility for their use. Groups registered to use school playfields will not be entitled to make any demands on the condition of fields, the lining of fields, or other field matters. Fields are maintained to district standards.
6. The district may delegate the assignment of a playfield to a municipal parks and recreation department on the understanding that there is a Joint Use Agreement in place between the district and municipality or village that governs the use of the field including times of use and priority hours, maintenance of the field, and other field matters.
7. No alterations are to be made to the site by such groups.
8. School use will continue to have first priority on the use of the site.
9. Principals will ascertain that approximately six hours per week will be reserved for unorganized community groups to play unorganized games or casual activities.
10. Tennis nets are to remain installed on tennis courts during school vacation periods. The district will cover the cost of maintenance.

Reference: Section 65, 85, School Act

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