

## **Use of School Facilities by Unofficial Student Groups**

It is the purpose of the Board to make school facilities available for student group usage during non-instructional time. Applications by such student groups shall be given preference over unofficial student groups.

### **1. Definitions**

- A. School facilities are:
  - i. High School/Middle School buildings or rooms in those buildings.
  - ii. School grounds including playing fields and parking lots.
- B. Unofficial student groups are: organizations or groups of secondary students from this school system which are not meeting as part of an official school-sponsored function.
- C. Official student groups are: organizations or groups of secondary students from this school system which are meeting as part of an official school-sponsored function.
- D. Non-instructional time is: the time during a scheduled school day before actual classroom instruction or "homeroom" periods begin and after actual classroom instruction or "homeroom" periods end.

### **2. Procedures and Regulations**

- A. School facilities shall be available to unofficial student groups on application by the particular group's representative to the high school principal.
- B. Application for the use of school facilities shall be delivered to the office of the principal at least 10 days prior to the date of the proposed use.
- C. The use of the particular facility shall be without charge and the using group shall be responsible for leaving the facility in a timely manner and in an orderly and clean condition. Failure to comply with this requirement may be the basis for the denial of that particular group's future use of the facility.
- D. The using group shall comply with school regulations concerning personal deportment during the period of use of the facility.
- E. The principal may assign school employees for the purpose of supervision of such

activities provided, however, any school employee assigned to supervisory duty at any student religious meeting may attend but shall not participate in the group's meeting or activities in any way.

- F. Student attendance at any unofficial student group meeting shall be strictly voluntary and student-initiated.
- G. Neither the school employees nor any other governmental agent or employee may sponsor any such meetings.
- H. No such meeting shall be approved by the principal that is directed, controlled, conducted, or regularly attended by persons who are not students of Mt. Blue High School (Grades 9-12) or Mt. Blue Middle School (Grades 6-8).
- I. No such meeting shall be approved by the Principal which substantially interferes with the orderly conduct of school educational activities.
- J. School facilities shall not be used under this policy to conduct commercial ventures.

This policy applies only to the use of school facilities by unofficial student groups. This policy does not revoke, alter, or amend any other school facility use policies which control the use of school property by either employee groups or unofficial community groups.

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