

# POLICY

2016            3260  
Community Relations

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT**

**School Buildings**

It shall be the policy of the Board to encourage the greatest possible use of school buildings for community-wide activities. This is meant to include use by recognized civic (including Boy Scouts and other Title 36 Patriotic Youth Groups), social and fraternal and religious organizations in accordance with law. Groups wishing to use the school facilities must secure written permission from the Superintendent and abide by the rules and regulations established for such use including restrictions on alcohol, tobacco and drug use. The Superintendent, at his/her discretion, may consult with the Board of Education. Monthly reports may be made to the Board regarding community use of the school facilities.

**Materials and Equipment**

Except when used in connection with or when rented under provisions of Education Law Section

414, school-owned materials or equipment may be used by members of the community or by District employees and/or students for school-related purposes only. Private and/or personal use of school owned materials and equipment is strictly prohibited.

The Board will permit school materials and equipment to be loaned to staff members when such use is directly or peripherally related to their employment and loaned to students when the material and equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities. Community members will be allowed to use school owned materials and equipment only for educational purposes that relate to school operations.

Administrative regulations will be developed to implement this policy, including procedures that may be necessary to assign responsibility for, and return of, all such materials and equipment.

20 United States Code (USC) Section 7905  
36 United States Code (USC) Subtitle II  
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)  
Parts 75, 76 and 108  
Education Law Section 414

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