

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

ADOPTED: January 15, 2009

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<p>707. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that although the primary purpose of the school buildings, facilities and property is to provide students with an appropriate learning environment, the Joint Operating Committee may make school facilities available to individuals and community groups in accordance with this policy, provided the use does not interfere with the educational program of the school.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1850.1</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee directs that use of school facilities may be granted to individuals and community groups for the following types of activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruction in any branch of education, learning and the arts, consistent with the school's mission. 2. Social, civic and recreational meetings and entertainment, and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community. 3. Polling places for holding primaries, elections and special elections as permitted or required by state law. 4. Recreation, physical training and athletics, including competitive athletic contests for children and adults.
<p>SC 775</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee shall establish a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities by approved groups.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall implement procedures for requesting and granting permission for use of school facilities and shall distribute the policy and procedures to individuals affected by them.</p> <p>An application for use of school facilities may be disapproved because of noncompliance with established policy and procedures by the Administrative Director.</p>

<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Application Process</u></p> <p>An individual or community group requesting permission to use school, facilities or property must submit a written request on the prescribed application form in advance of the proposed date to the Administrative Director.</p> <p>The application must specify the portion of the school facilities requested for use; proposed activities; number of individuals participating; and the date, time and duration of the proposed event.</p> <p>Along with the completed application, the individual or group must submit the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Payment of the specified rental fee.2. Evidence of organizational liability to limits required by school guidelines.3. Documentation evidencing the school shall be held harmless by the user for any liability that arises from use of facilities by the individual or group. <p><u>Application Evaluation</u></p> <p>No application to use school facilities shall be approved if the proposed activity would result in any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conflict with any school-sponsored activity.2. Access to facilities closed due to renovations, maintenance, cleaning, the school calendar, or Joint Operating Committee action.3. Access to facilities containing equipment or furnishings which if damaged or operated by an unqualified operator would be detrimental to the operation of a school program.4. The proposed use would prevent or encumber school personnel from preparing school facilities for their primary purpose, because of the nature or duration of the activity.
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35 P.S.
Sec. 1223.5

6. Use of tobacco products.

Violations

The school reserves the right to remove from school premises any individual or community group who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this policy and established procedures.

In the event an individual or community group violates this policy or the terms under which permission was granted to use school facilities, that individual or community group forfeits the right to submit future written requests to use school facilities, unless otherwise decided by the Joint Operating Committee.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511, 775, 779, 1850.1

School Tobacco Control – 35 P.S. Sec. 1223.5

Local Option Small Games of Chance Act – 10 P.S. Sec. 311 et seq.

Pro-Children Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7181 et seq.

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7905