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Outside Use of District Facilities

Use of Facilities Handbook

Permitted Use of School Facilities:

The policy of the Schalmont Central School District shall coincide with the regulations as prescribed in Section 414, Article 9, of the Education Law. Briefly, school facilities may be used as follows:

- a) For educational instruction;
- b) For public libraries or branch stations thereof;
- c) For activities or entertainment adding to the welfare of the community as long as they shall be open to the general public;
- d) For programs with paid admissions, as long as the proceeds are applied to education or charity. No programs may be held, however, which are under the exclusive control of a religious sect, denomination or organization or of a fraternal, secret or exclusive society other than veterans of the military service of the United States or volunteer firemen;
- e) For polling places but not political meetings;
- f) For civic forums and community centers upon petition of at least 25 citizens residing within the District;
- g) School grounds will be available for recreational use by the community subject only to the control necessary for the safety of individuals. However, the use of such facilities and grounds for activities which may be dangerous, disturbing or destructive is prohibited, including the use of roller skates, roller blades or skate boards;
- h) For classes of instruction for students with disabilities under the auspices of private organizations;
- i) For recreation, physical training and athletics, including athletic contests or private not-for-profit schools;

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- j) For child care services during non-school hours which are not provided at the expense of the school district.

Activity calendars will be kept by each building principal so that he/she may allow the use of facility in accordance with the above policy. Non-school organizations wishing to use the facility will file a written request with the building principal. The written request must be accompanied by a certificate of insurance. If the facility is used by outside groups or under unusual circumstances, a rental fee may be made to cover identifiable costs. The building principal may require the provision of police services for which an additional charge will be made.

This policy will have flexibility and special cases not covered will be referred to the Superintendent of Schools.

Use of School Facilities for Private Purposes

The Board of Education recognizes and accepts its responsibilities in connection with custody, control, and supervision of schoolhouses, grounds, and all property belonging to the District as provided in Section 414 of the Education Law.

In view of this responsibility the Board of Education categorically prohibits the use of any real or personal property belonging to the District, when such use is for private purposes and not in the public interest. On the other hand, The Board of Education reserves the right to waive this prohibition when such intended use is not prejudicial to the public good.

When intended, private use of District-owned property cannot be anticipated sufficiently in advance to permit Board of Education Action upon the request, and in emergencies, the Superintendent of Schools may waive the above policy, at his/her discretion.