

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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It is the School Committee's desire that maximum use of school property be enjoyed by the townspeople. It is the Committee's intent that such use will maintain safe conditions and preserve the property for school program use.

Use of school buildings and other facilities by organizations will be permitted when educational, civic, or charitable purpose will be served; or a substantial group of citizens from the community will be benefited.

School facilities use must be in accordance with the regulations. The rental fee schedule will be reviewed and adjusted as needed by the School Committee every June.

Smoking on school property is prohibited. All school local, state and federal laws will apply on school property.

Facilities use application forms are available on the web, all school offices and the superintendent's office. **The application form must be submitted 30 days prior to the event.** The application and final approval will be made by the school principal in consultation with the director of operations. The school department will provide written or electronic approval of the application prior to the event.

Preference

In the event of multiple requests in process at the same time, preference for school facilities will be given in the following order:

1. Public school activities;
2. Parent-teacher activities;
3. Meetings and activities sponsored by the school committee and school personnel;
4. Official town public hearings and political activities;
5. Parks and playgrounds activities;
6. Local nonprofit and noncommercial organization activities;
7. Metropolitan civic, educational, social and religious organization activities if a substantial portion of the members are residents of the town.

*Please note: Schedule changes may be necessitated by unforeseen activities. Public School activities will take preference.

Legal Refs: MGL 71:71; 71:71B; 272-40A

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