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Blount County Board of Education
Policy #3.206 – Community Use of School Facilities

When not in use for school purposes, school buildings and grounds or portions thereof may be used for public, governmental, charitable, civic, recreational, cultural, and other purposes as approved by the Board.

The school buildings (classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, etc) and grounds are a public trust. The school and its various functions have first priority in any such use. Groups other than those coming under the general school program who wish to use the school's facilities must abide by the following general rules:

1. Any use of the facilities must be scheduled in advance with the school principal, then authorized by the facilities director;
2. In order to be fair, scheduling will be done on a time-to-time basis rather than on a blanket basis;
3. Wednesday night, Sunday night, and Sunday requests will probably not be granted;
- 4. The rate of pay for using the facilities will be a minimum of \$200.00 indoors, \$50.00 outdoors with no utilities, and \$200.00 outdoors with utilities per day, payable with the application, with a maximum of three (3) hours time per day. Additional charges determined according to the extent and nature of the facilities used;**
5. The Board shall annually adopt a fee schedule for liability insurance;
6. No alcohol, or persons using alcohol, will be allowed on the premises;
7. There will be no smoking in the building;
8. Groups who indiscriminately litter the school grounds and buildings will be denied further use of such facilities;
9. Anyone using the gym must wear gym or tennis shoes;
10. Damage to the buildings and grounds are to be paid for by the group using the facilities at such occurrences;
11. Each group must select one person to be directly responsible for the group;
12. Other rules may be added to safeguard school property;
13. Blount County's school buildings, etc. shall not be used for personal/**individual** profit;
14. The director of schools will be authorized with Board approval to allow the use of facilities for other governmental agencies, educational institutions and the major political parties on a different cost schedule.
15. Applications must be submitted to the school principal in triplicate. These forms may be obtained at the principal's office.
16. Any **revenue** making endeavor **for a non-profit organization that is not a Blount County Schools sponsored club or event** will pay to the Blount County School System twenty-five percent (25%) of the rental program's gross receipts.
17. Concession Rights:
 - a. Concession rights for all school activities will be determined by the principal of the school
 - b. Concession rights for approved activities by non-school groups will be retained by the group using the facilities under the following conditions:
 - 1b. School concessions stands will not be used unless approved by the principal and the school group in charge of the particular concession stands;

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2b. Payment is made in advance for cleaning up the mess made by concessions in an amount determined by the principal. Said amount is to be refunded after clean-up is complete.

18. A member of the school staff must be present when any outside agency or group is using any school facility and paid at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times regular salary.

19. Any extended usage longer than six (6) weeks must be approved by the director of schools

20. Any outside agency wishing to use Blount County Schools kitchen facilities must have a food service employee present and paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times regular pay.

Groups who do not abide by the rules will be denied the use of the school's facilities. Functions of the Scouts, 4-H, Blount County AAU, Blount County Parks and Recreation, school P.T.O., **Girl Scouts, any department of Blount County government and Special Olympics** come under the regular school program.

Blount County AAU, YBOA, and Blount County Parks and Recreation conducting sports related activities using a county facility as a home field are considered school sponsored activity. AAU and Parks and Recreation may be exempt from #4 if they have a 60% participation rate of Blount County Schools students. Scouts, 4-H, and P.T.O.'s are considered school sponsored activities which would be exempt from #4.

The Director of Schools may exempt fees from non-profit organizations deemed appropriate and beneficial to Blount County Schools.

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