



USE OF RSU FACILITIES

The Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) recognizes that the primary purpose for use of school facilities is to deliver its educational programs. The RSUB also recognizes that schools have traditionally been community meeting places and centers of local interest. It is the intent of the RSUB that this tradition continues, however to ensure uniformity across the RSU this Policy establishes the basic ground rules for the use of these facilities.

RSU buildings and/or facilities in the RSU communities represent a substantial investment by the RSU and the City/Towns', and in many cases are the most suitable facilities available. Therefore, the RSUB encourages the use of RSU facilities for approved school-related and community activities.

Priority of usage shall be in the order listed below:

1. All/any RSU school activities.
2. RSU related bodies, including the RSUB and its sub-committees, teacher organizations, and organizations wholly or primarily devoted to the schools.
3. Local government agencies, including the City/Towns' Recreation Departments.
4. Responsible civic and social organizations, with special consideration given to those organizations which contribute to school and youth programs on a regular basis.
5. Youth organizations fully meeting the requirements of the RSUB as to having continuous and adequate supervision.
6. All other groups wishing to use the facilities

The Superintendent is responsible for developing administrative procedures for the Building Administrators (BA) which provide for timely applications, uses which do not interfere with educational or Co-Curricular Activities of any RSU students, and that ensure responsibility and/or proof of liability insurance of local organizations, if appropriate.

These factors are to further guide community use:

1. A certificate of insurance may be required, as appropriate for that particular use.
2. Alcoholic beverages may only be brought onto RSU property with specific RSUB Approval.
3. Tobacco use shall not be allowed on any RSU property at any time.
4. RSU facilities shall not be used for any illegal purposes.
5. Adults and children from RSU Communities are free to use outdoor grounds and/or outside facilities for recreation whenever that facility is not otherwise scheduled or in use.
6. Formal approval for RSU facility use is limited to recognized organizations and groups.
7. Approval to utilize any RSU facilities will require the signing of a Facility Use Agreement.
7. Application for use must be submitted to the appropriate BA.
8. Repeat use may be denied to group(s) not demonstrating appropriate conduct and care.

BA's will approve facility usage and Facility Use Agreements for their facilities; however they are directed to consult with the RSU Superintendent on any potentially controversial usage requests.

The RSU Facility Usage Form (Policy KF-F) will be utilized for all facility use requests, however BA's may, and are encouraged to, utilize additional local school designed forms for "special" usage areas, (i.e. Ellsworth High School Auditorium) if desired/required.

Reference: RSU Policy KF-F

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