

### USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

School facilities referenced herein are defined as the buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, and parking lots at all sites under the jurisdiction of the Merrimack School District.

The basic and underlying philosophies in this policy are:

1. School facilities are the property of the Merrimack taxpayers.
2. Community residents are encouraged to use school facilities for non-profit activities.
3. Fees will be consistent with any expenses to be incurred by the School District and the benefits to be derived by the user.
4. Ultimate authority for granting, extending, and/or canceling any permitted use of school facilities is retained by the Merrimack School Board.
5. School sponsored activities shall be granted first priority for all facilities; second shall be official activities of the town of Merrimack; and third, those activities serving the youth in the community. All other requests shall be granted on the basis of availability.
6. Authorization for use of school facilities shall be considered neither as an endorsement nor approval of the activity, group, or organization or the purposes they may represent.

Any Merrimack group and/or organization requesting use of Merrimack school facilities will fall into one of the following categories.

1. Allied school groups, organizations, or committees appointed by the Board.
2. Town of Merrimack.
3. Non-profit youth organizations, groups, or committees serving the youth of Merrimack.
4. Non-profit senior citizen organizations, groups, or committees serving the senior citizens of Merrimack.
5. Non-profit organizations not charging admission or donations, such as fraternal, political, or religious organizations, or other organizations composed of Merrimack residents.
6. Industrial, commercial, professional, or other private organizations or groups located and doing business in the town of Merrimack.

When admission fees or donations are required by any group, rental and/or custodial fees may be required.

When schools have been closed because of inclement weather, the facilities will be closed for all use. The schools do not assume the responsibility of contacting groups when such closures occur.

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