



Section Six: School District Facilities

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615 – EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES: USE AND MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The Board of Education believes that all school facility planning, including the acquisition of school sites, the addition and/or renovation to existing schools, or the construction of new schools, must be carried out in accordance with Policy 605: *Educational Facility Planning*.

Policy

1. Joint Development and Use

The Board endorses the concept of joint development and shared use of sites and facilities with municipalities located within School District No. 23. This may include the sharing of capital and operating costs for site improvements, the renovation of existing facilities, and/or the construction of new facilities.

2. Operations and Maintenance

2.1 Standards

The facilities represent a significant public resource, and the Board directs that these facilities be operated and maintained to the highest standard possible within approved operating and maintenance budgets. The goal is to safeguard the health of students, staff and the community, maintain the functionality of the facilities, and preserve the value of these assets.

2.2 Energy Conservation

Energy conservation is in the public interest. The Board is committed, whenever feasible and environmentally acceptable, to the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of schools to optimize the energy efficiency of these facilities.

The Board expects that all maintenance programs and facility upgrading projects will include improvements to reduce energy consumption while still providing a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff and other building occupants.



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2.3 Educational Programs

The Board encourages teachers to include educational programs to increase student awareness of energy conservation, whenever possible.

3. Security

The Board recognizes that employees may require unscheduled access to facilities associated with their employment. A site-based administrator is responsible for the security and access to a Board facility at all times.

4. Use of Facilities and Equipment

The school district sites, facilities and equipment are primarily to provide educational programs for students. Any other uses shall be in accordance with Policy 650: *Public Use of School Facilities* or as authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

No equipment on the district’s inventory list shall be removed from a school district facility without the permission of a site-based administrator.

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Related Documents: Policies 605 and 650, 615R