



Section Six: School District Facilities

650 – PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Introduction

The Board of Education believes that school facilities are provided primarily for the education of public school students but that appropriate use by the community is acceptable in accordance with this policy and the regulations.

Policy

1. School buildings and grounds are the responsibility of the Board as set out in the School Act and may, on proper application, be made available for community use provided that:
 - 1.1 the activity shall not interfere with the education of public school students;
 - 1.2 the use shall not adversely reflect upon the district;
 - 1.3 the School District may charge fees in accordance with Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (Regulations).
2. As school buildings and property are purchased from taxes paid by the public, the community use of such facilities should be encouraged. Therefore, the Board directs that when buildings (new or existing) are being designed or renovated, district staff should attempt to ensure that the facility will enhance community use (as per Policy 605: *Educational Facility Planning*).

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1. User Groups

The following identifies the different user groups for the purpose of the Schedule of Rental Fees (Appendix 650A).

- **Group A - Youth/Adult Non-Profit Organizations**
Scouts Canada, Girl Guides of Canada, minor league sports teams whereby all instructors and leaders are volunteers.
Adult meetings of youth organizations, youth activities or courses, adult sports programs or adult recreational teams, private youth recreational activities, registered charitable non-profit organizations and PAC-sponsored events.
- **Group B - Profit Organizations or Commercial Activity**

2. Rental Facilities

For rental purposes, school facilities will be grouped in the following categories:

- gymnasiums - includes auditoriums and theatres;
- classrooms, cafeterias, libraries and school multi-purpose rooms;
- Hollywood Road Education Services conference/meeting rooms;
- playing fields - includes any or all parts of the school grounds.

3. Rental Conditions

- 3.1 All agreements must be signed and paid for before the start of the rental agreement.
- 3.2 Longer term agreements must pay monthly in advance.



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- 3.3 All groups, with the exception of Youth Activities, preschool and after-school care, must start after 4:00 p.m.
- 3.4 The school district calendar runs July - June; therefore all agreements must end by June 30 and be renewed for the next calendar year.

4. Facility Charges

Current charges are outlined in 650A.

4.1 Administration Fee

An administration fee for each rental agreement (per school) will be charged to all users. A rental agreement that involves more than one school site will be considered a separate agreement for each location.

4.2 Cancellation Fee

A cancellation fee (with more than 72 hours' notice) per rental agreement (per school, per time slot) will be charged to all users who cancel agreements after they are initiated. A rental that involves more than one location requires a separate rental agreement for each location. Rental fees will not be refunded should the cancellation be less than 72 hours' notice.

4.3 Rental Refund

Should the school district cancel a rental period, the renter will be refunded the rental fee for that period and any related custodial charges.

4.4 Weekend and After Hours Surcharge

There will be a surcharge for the opening of a facility on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

4.5 Preschool Operation

There will be a monthly charge, per classroom, for preschools operating during school hours.

4.6 After-School Care

There will be a monthly charge, per classroom, for after-school care operating between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



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4.7 Waiver of Fees

Providing that there are no custodial or security cost requirements, rental charges and administration fees are waived for school extra-curricular activities, meetings of COPAC, COTA, CUPE, COPVPA, PAC and School Planning Councils, school fund-raising events, PAC fund-raising events, staff activities and school-based groups.

4.8 Lining of Fields

When an outside agency requires a school field be lined, the full fee, as set from time to time by the Board of Education, will apply.

5. Custodial Rates

In the event that custodial security is required, the rates as set out in 650A will apply.

5.1 After normal custodial hours from Monday - Friday and during the months of July and August, there will be a charge per hour (minimum four-hour call-out in July and August).

5.2 On Saturdays and Sundays there will be a charge per hour for a custodian (minimum four-hour call-out).

6. Equipment Use

6.1 Use of equipment within the school facilities will be at the discretion of the principal of the school.

7. Special Regulations

7.1 The Board reserves the right, on application, to waive or adjust the rental fees.

7.2 The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the principal concerned, may vary or waive the prescribed rental fee when they wish to foster good school / community relations.



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8. Supervision and Clean-up Charges

- 8.1 A school district employee must be on site at all times during the rental period for all after-school uses of a school building, but the organization authorized to use the facilities shall assume full responsibility for supervision of the activity.
- 8.2 No direct payment to school district personnel is to be made by the organization for the use of the facilities.

9. Terms and Conditions

- 9.1 All rentals of school facilities shall be covered by the prescribed rental agreement and administered through the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 9.2 Any damage to school district property will be repaired by the school district at the expense of the organization using the facilities.
- 9.3 No sprinklers and other irrigation equipment can be moved or tampered with.
- 9.4 School equipment shall not be removed without special agreement.
- 9.5 No school buildings shall be used for dances, unless they are school dances sponsored by the school or parent advisory council.
- 9.6 No alcohol, cannabis product use, smoking or vaping are permitted in any part of the school buildings or anywhere on school property (Policy 640: Smoke-Free Environment).
- 9.7 The principal of the school concerned shall be consulted before any rentals are finalized.
- 9.8 Any organization or commercial enterprise wishing to use a school, or intending to put on a show in conjunction with a school, will be referred to the Secretary-Treasurer or designate before commitments of any nature are made.



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- 9.9 Any film production company requesting access to our facilities for filming purposes must contact the School District No. 23 Rental Department (at least 30 days prior to filming), and provide a copy of the script and specific filming requirements. Prior to approval, the Secretary-Treasurer or designate will review the script to ensure that the contents are respectful of the values of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan). The Secretary-Treasurer or designate will also determine if the District is able to accommodate filming requirements. Upon receiving approval for filming, the production company must meet with the site-based administrator/supervisor to ensure filming will not interfere with student learning or staff responsibilities. Prior written approval must be obtained and submitted to the school Principal for any students or staff involved in the production of the movies.

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**650A – PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
SCHEDULE OF RENTAL FEES
(APPENDIX)**

Regulation	Item	Cost
650R 4.1	Administration Fee (per rental agreement, per school)	\$ 10.00
650R 4.2	Cancellation Fee (per rental agreement per school per time slot)	\$ 5.00
650R 4.4	Weekend and After Hours Surcharge	\$ 25.00
650R 4.5	Preschool Operation (per month, per classroom)	Varied
650R 4.6	After-School Care (per month, per classroom)	Varied
650R 4.8	Lining of Fields (fee as set by the Board of Education)	Full Fee
650R 5	Custodial Rates • after normal custodial hours • Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year, and the months of July and August Minimum four-hour call-out will apply	\$ 35.00 \$140.00 minimum

*All rates are subject to applicable taxes.



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Schedule of Rental Fees – User Groups

Group A: Youth/Adult Non-Profit Organizations		Hourly Rate
Gymnasiums	- middle/secondary	\$ 47.00
	- elementary	\$ 41.00
Hollywood Road Education Services Conference/Meeting Rooms		\$ 60.00
Classroom, cafeteria, library, multi-purpose room		\$ 37.00
Playing field – Youth		\$ 3.00
Playing Field – Adult		\$ 6.00
Group B: Profit Organizations or Commercial Activity		Hourly Rate
Gymnasiums	- middle/secondary	\$185.00
	- elementary	\$165.00
Hollywood Road Education Services Conference/Meeting Rooms		\$235.00
Classroom, cafeteria, library, multi-purpose room		\$140.00
Playing field		\$ 25.00

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