

Jason Lamoreau

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Subject: Updates to Community Use of School Facilities Policy
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Dear Town Recreation Program Directors,

I am writing to inform you of some important updates to our policy on the community use of school facilities (Policy KF-R). The MSAD 75 Board of Directors has recently approved revisions to this policy, which went into effect in August. The updated policy introduces a new fee structure to better manage the use of our facilities.

The new policy outlines different fee classifications, including a "Fee Class A: Non-Profit" and a "Fee Class B: Commercial/Personal." You can find a detailed chart of these fees and the full policy documents on our district website.

I recognize that these changes will directly impact your programs, and I want to assure you that the Board is committed to a collaborative transition. In recognition of the valuable role your programs play, the Board passed a motion at its last meeting that directly affects you:

"I move we suspend the listed non-profit fees for member municipal recreation departments for the 2025-2026 school year, and authorize the superintendent to negotiate a 'pay what you can' fee as appropriate for the same school year."

This means that for the 2025-2026 school year only, the standard Fee Class A for municipal recreation programs will be suspended. Instead, I am authorized to work with each of you individually to determine a usage fee that is appropriate for your program.

I would like to invite you to schedule a meeting with me in the coming weeks to discuss your specific needs for the upcoming year and to work out an arrangement. Please feel free to reach out to my office to set up a time.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued partnership in serving our community.

Sincerely,

Heidi O'Leary, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools
MSAD 75

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PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

In accordance with Policy KF, use of school facilities by community groups must adhere to the following procedures.

General Provisions:

1. No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto school property at any time;
2. Tobacco, vape, or cannabis use shall not be allowed on school property at any time;
3. School facilities may not be used for any illegal purposes;
4. Community adults and children are free to use outdoor grounds and facilities for recreation when school is not in session, or whenever not otherwise scheduled. However, formal approval of buildings and grounds use will only be granted to recognized organizations and groups;
5. Non-school functions that interfere with the school schedule or school- sponsored activities will not be scheduled at any school;
6. Special permission must be given by the building administrator, in consultation with the superintendent, if school facilities are to be used for personal gain or for meetings of a sectarian nature;
7. Depending on the nature of the event, the presence of a police officer may be required by the administration. Police presence would be paid for by the function sponsors;
8. School kitchens shall not be used for non-school purposes unless approved by both the building administrator and the Food Service Director. Because State health laws require at least one trained/certified individual when using a public kitchen, hiring district kitchen staff will be required; (See *Staff Presences and Fees* below.)
9. The building administrator or athletic director may reject a request for any school facility use, if in their opinion, such use would be detrimental to the facility;
10. Repeat use may be denied to any group which has not demonstrated appropriate conduct and care.

Scheduling Priority:

1. In all cases, the regular school activities or organizations of the school shall have first preference in requests for the use of any school facility, providing it has not already been reserved. Where approval is issued for regular use (such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, etc.), school activities and organizations take precedence over the regularly-scheduled outside activity.
2. Use of facilities that provide access to residents of the district will be of second priority. In cases where multiple groups in this category are requesting the same access, consideration will be given to frequency of use, residence of members, and participation requirements. The District's goal will be to accommodate groups as much as is reasonable.
3. All other groups will have third priority.

Cancellations:

- Should a group wish to cancel a reserved date, the administrator's office must be notified at least 24 hours in advance of the specified time and date of the event, or the group will suffer forfeiture of the facility use fee. If no notice is received by the administrator and the group fails to appear within one hour after the activity is scheduled to start, the group shall be liable for the costs of any extra-service custodian scheduled for that period, in addition to the forfeiture of the facility use fee. In the event of unavailability of a facility due to emergencies or inclement weather, the sponsor will be notified by the facility administrator or athletic director, as appropriate. Public information regarding that group's cancellation is the responsibility of the sponsor and not the district.

Concessions:

- The Mt. Ararat Sports Boosters shall have right of first refusal for concessions at athletic events.
 - Fee-exempt groups — no fee to operate concessions
 - All others — \$50 per event to operate concessions

Financial:

- All checks for the payment of fees shall be payable to M.S.A.D. No. 75, and submitted to the building administrator.

Insurance:

- A certificate of insurance shall be required as appropriate to the particular use (with potential for damage). The intent of requiring a certificate of insurance is to hold harmless M.S.A.D. No. 75 from damage costs and liability claims which may result during a function not directly sponsored by the district. When required, the group sponsoring the event will present to the building administrator a certificate of insurance, naming the district as an additional insured. The certificate will indicate the following coverage: \$400,000.00 combined bodily injury and property damage, or \$400,000.00 bodily injury and \$400,000.00 property damage.

Requesting the use of school facilities:

- A written request for building use is required and should be submitted to the building administrator at least ten (10) working days in advance. (See KF-E1: Request for Use of School Facilities.) Upon approval, fees will be collected by the building administrator.
- The building administrator shall keep a calendar of the use of the school facilities, subject to review by the Superintendent or Board of Directors at any time.

Safety:

- Groups must comply with all national Federal and state laws, local ordinances, and rules

of the police and fire departments. The sponsoring group must provide sufficient police and fire department attendance, if deemed necessary by the building administrator.

Staff Presence and Fees:

- The building administrator, or a designated employee, shall be present at all non- school functions within the building.
- A custodian shall be responsible for the building under their charge for all events on a Saturday, Sunday, a holiday, or a time when a custodian is not normally present. The building shall be opened, lighted, heated, cooled (where available) and properly prepared for such occasions. At the conclusion of such events, the custodian shall see that the building is properly closed.
 - **On Saturdays the fee for custodial support is \$55 per hour.**
 - **On Sundays or on a holiday the fee for custodial support is \$110.00 per hour.**
- Exception to these (2) requirements: An exception may be made for specific town recreation activities in a gymnasium that have been approved in advance by the building administrator, or the athletic director in the case of the high school. In such cases, the town recreation director (or designee) shall be responsible for security of the facility being used and for monitoring and controlling the activities.
- Kitchen worker cost must be added to the total cost of kitchen use.
 - **The fee for kitchen staff is \$25 per hour.**

Usage Fees:

General building and parking lot fees are listed below in Fee Chart 1. Athletic field and grounds fees are listed below in Fee Chart 2.

M.S.A.D. No. 75 charges different usage fees dependent on the type of use or organization classification. For assistance in determining the application of usage fees, groups are encouraged to use KF-E2: Community Usage Fee Flow Chart.

- Under no circumstances shall a school facility be used free of charge for a commercial enterprise.
- An approved request obligates any group to applicable fees.
- **Fee Class 0: Waived Usage Fee**
 - Facility use on an **occasional and limited basis** may be granted *without usage fee* (not including any applicable staffing fees as noted above in Staff Presence and Fees):
 - a. To not-for-profit educational, recreational, cultural and charitable organizations, having a majority of members who are residents of the district;
 - b. To not-for-profit groups which present programs that are designed to be an educational, recreational or cultural benefit to local citizens;

- c. To Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups who are grandfathered (since at least 1991);
 - d. To political parties for the purpose of biennial caucusing (Fees for the use of kitchen staff will be assessed when applicable. See General Provisions #8 above.) (ref: 21-A M.R.S.A. §311);
 - e. To formal parent-teacher organizations; and
 - f. To municipal-sponsored groups and organizations from within the district.
 - o For purposes of this procedure, “occasional and limited use” shall be defined as use that:
 - a. Does not regularly exceed twice per month;
 - b. Does not involve more than one space in a facility; and
 - c. Does not require opening a facility at a time when it would not normally be lighted, heated and staffed.
- **Fee Class A: Non-Profit Uses**
 - o Other facility uses by not-for-profit organizations, including any use that is more than occasional and limited, ***will be charged a usage fee per Fee Class A, Non-Profit*** (in addition to any applicable staffing fees as noted above in Staff Presence and Fees).
 - **Fee Class B: Commercial/Personal Uses**
 - o Groups or individuals not identified above, including individuals using facilities for personal events such as weddings, family gatherings, etc., shall be ***charged a usage fee per Fee Class B, Commercial/Personal*** (in addition to any applicable staffing fees as noted above in Staff Presence and Fees).

FEE CHART 1: GENERAL BUILDING AND PARKING LOT USE FEES

Space/Resource	Fee Class A: Non-Profit	Fee Class B: Commercial/Personal	Notes
Classroom	\$20/hour	\$40/hour	
Elem. Gym	\$35/hour	\$70/hour	
Elem. Kitchen	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	See note in General Provisions
HS/MS Kitchen	\$40/hour	\$80/hour	See note in General Provisions
Cafeteria	\$45/hour	\$90/hour	
Forum	\$35/hour	\$70/hour	
Learning Commons	\$35/hour	\$70/hour	
HS/MS Gym	\$45/hour	\$90/hour	
Parking Lot	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	
Athletic Field (Grass)	\$50/hour	\$100/hour	
Athletic Field (Turf)	\$75/hour	\$150/hour	
Turf Field Lights	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	(in addition to the field fee)

Charges for set-up of additional tables and chairs (Fee Class A and B)			
	50 chairs or less	\$15	
	51-150 chairs	\$25	
	151 + chairs	\$50	
	Tables	\$3/table	

REVIEWED:	June 23, 2016
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AMENDED:	September 5, 2024
AMENDED:	June 26, 2025

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Basketball practices: 3:30 -8:00pm

4.5 hours X 3 nights per week = 13.5 hrs/wk X \$35 per hr = \$472.50 per wk

\$472.50 per wk X 9 weeks = \$4,252.50

Basketball games: Saturdays 8:00am – 2:00pm

6 hours X 4 weeks = 24 hours X \$35 per hr = \$840

Pickleball: Wednesdays (Nov – May) 4:30 – 8:00pm

3.5 hours X \$35 per hour = \$122.50 per week

\$122.50 X 26 weeks = \$3,185

Volleyball: Fridays (Nov – May) 5:00 - 7:00pm

2 hours X \$35 per hour = \$70 per week

\$70 X 26 weeks = \$1,820

Little Dribblers Basketball: Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00am (plus 1 hour setup/tear down)

2 hours X \$35 per hour = \$70 per week X 4 weeks = \$280

Summer Art & Nature Camp:

6 hrs/day X 5 days/wk = 30 hrs/wk X \$35 per hr = \$1,050 per week

\$1050 per wk X 4 weeks camp = \$4,200

Pertel Field - Quickball/Baseball/Softball games and practices:

+/- 16 hours per week X \$35 per week = \$560 per week

\$560 per week X 10 weeks = \$5,600

Total potential cost over one budget year = \$20,177.50

Thank you,

Jason Lamoreau

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Town of Bowdoinham

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