



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to making school facilities and properties available to school, parish, community organizations and individuals for activities which have social and educational value to communities within the Board's jurisdiction. School facilities and properties will be made available with due regard to the preservation of the educational programs, the responsible management of costs associated with making our properties available, and the protection of properties under the conditions as outlined in the *Administrative Procedures for Community Use of School Facilities and Properties*.

Guiding Principles

- **School Activities Take Priority:** School day activities, extra-curricular activities and parent involvement activities organized or administered by the school or School Board have priority use of school space during and after regular school hours.
- **Schools as Hubs of Communities:** Schools are the hubs of their communities and offer an effective use of taxpayers' investment in providing citizens with a place to come together, volunteer, build skills, access community programs, become physically active and build strong and healthy communities.
- **Support for a Positive Climate for Youth:** The Community Use of Schools Program supports and promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community youth.
- **Fair and Equal Access:** Schools are welcoming and inclusive and offer parent groups, community organizations and other citizens fair access to use of school space at affordable rates for community purposes in non-school hours.
- **Respect for Roles and Responsibilities:** Community Use of Schools Program stakeholder partners respect each other's roles, responsibilities and obligations to the community and education system.
- **Not-For-Profit organizations to be charged affordable rates:** The Board, where feasible, will ensure that after-hours user fees for school facilities in their district are affordable for Not-For-Profit community users.

References

- 2000-06-04 *Policy Statement: Community Use of School Facilities and Properties*
2000-06-04 *Policy Management Practices: Community Use of School Facilities and Properties*
2003-06-17 *Procedural Manual: Community Use of School Facilities and Properties*
2005-02-1 *Policy Statement: Criminal Background Check for 'Other Adults' Having Regular and Direct Contact with Students*
2005-02-1 *Policy Management Practices: Criminal Background Check for 'Other Adults' Having Regular and Direct Contact with Students*
2006:B13 *Ministry Memorandum: Community Use of Schools Program*
S-2011-10-3 *Policy Statement: Safe Schools*
S-2011-10-3 *Administrative Procedures: Access to School Premises*
S-2009-10-2 *Policy Statement: Ethical Fundraising and Charitable Activities in Schools*
S-2009-10-2 *Administrative Procedures: Ethical Fundraising and Charitable Activities in Schools*
A-2000-01-03 *Administrative Procedures: Product or Service Endorsement/Advertising in Schools*
B-2002-10-1 *Administrative Procedures: Sharing Agreements – Facilities and Services*

Administrative Procedures

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