COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The buildings, facilities, and grounds of the Bainbridge Island School District are primarily for public school purposes. However, every opportunity will be provided for reasonable after school, evening, and weekend use of school properties by the community. Such uses will be restricted to educational, recreational, leisure, and public interest activities.

The Board has the authority to rent or lease any property when not otherwise in use for school related purposes. A rental/lease fee schedule will be established by the Board and reviewed annually by the Superintendent. Any rate/fee adjustments must be reviewed and accepted by action of the Board. A lease agreement equal to or exceeding $20,000 per annum must align with applicable bid, public notice, and surplus requirements under respective regulatory codes. Additionally, youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.

School properties shall be rented/leased solely for lawful purposes. Activities associated with the rented/leased property cannot conflict with the best interests of the district and shall not interfere with the orderly conduct of school district programs and related activities. Community athletics programs that use district facilities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The district retains the right to determine supervision and general use guidelines, so long as such conditions of use are applied consistently, fairly, and without prejudice or discrimination.

Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered an endorsement, approval, or sponsorship of the activity, group, organization, nor the purposes represented. Promotion of the activity as having been endorsed, approved, or sponsored by the district, and without the written approval of the Superintendent, shall be cause to revoke facility use permission.

At the discretion of the Board, and subsequent to review of both capital and general fund demands, rental/lease proceeds may be deposited into the district’s (a) general fund to be used for costs related to the maintenance and operation of school facilities, and/or (b) capital fund to support construction, renovation, and/or facility improvement projects.

This policy and the procedures adopted hereunder apply to use of school facilities after the regularly scheduled co-curricular activities occur, non-school days, or school vacations.

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.320.510 Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities

RCW 28A.335.150 Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities
RCW 28A.335.155 Use of buildings for youth programs – Limited immunity

AGO 1973 No.276 Initiative No. 276 – School districts Use of School Facilities for Presentation of Programs Legislative – Elections

RCW 28A.335.040 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of – Authorized

RCW 28A.335.050 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of - Joint use

RCW 28A.335.060 Surplus school property, rental lease or use of - Disposition of moneys received for

RCW 28A.335.070 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of— Existing contracts not impaired

RCW 28A.335.080 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of - Community use not impaired

RCW 28A.335.090 Conveyance and acquisition of Property - Management

RCW 28A.335.130 Real property – Sale - Use of proceeds

RCW 28A.600.190 Youth sports – Concussion and head injury guidelines – Injured athlete restrictions

Management Resources: Policy News, August 2009 Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation