



Policy: 6.19

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

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1.0 Policy

The Detroit Public Schools may allow the use of public school buildings and facilities by responsible public agencies and community organizations during periods which will not interfere with the instructional program of the District. Application, consideration, approval or rejection and use of any of the District's facilities or equipment will be made according to objective criteria consistently applied and according to all applicable laws.

In addition to the following guidelines, the General Superintendent shall develop regulations and procedures for the community use of school facilities which effectuate the provisions of this policy as well as federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations.

1.1 LEGAL GUIDELINES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO DISTRICT PROCEDURES

1.1.1 Detroit Public Schools' facilities are "limited open forums", meaning that the District cannot prohibit speech in its facilities, but may regulate such speech with rules that are consistent with the District's educational and community- and family-oriented purpose. Such rules must not regulate the view of content of one's speech (i.e., view opposing the District or its employees), but may regulate types of speech (i.e., pro-violence).

1.1.2 Procedures must be content-neutral and objectively and consistently applied.

1.2 An agency or organization that uses a Detroit Public Schools' facility or equipment may be held liable for any damages that may occur.

Attachments to Policy 6.19: None

Legal References: MCLA § 380.11a(10) (**DEALS WITH SPECIAL ELECTION**)

Labor Contract References: None