

CHAPTER 7

7.2 Building Use (Purpose)

7.2.1 Priorities

1. The requirements and activities of the school program shall receive prior consideration in the assignment of school facilities.
2. Marshall County school sponsored and school related organization shall be given priority over non-educationally related activities.
3. Non-profit, community, youth, civic, and recreation related organizations and functions shall be accommodated as much as possible, subsequent to the stated higher priorities. Youth groups shall be given consideration over adult groups.
4. In general, groups from outside the school district or those desiring to use the school facilities for financial profit shall be prohibited from making application for facility use for personal gain or profit. Approval may be granted if the activity to be engaged in is deemed by the Board of Education to provide a community service and to be in keeping with the accepted precepts of the schools and community.

7.2.2 Authority to Regulate Use

The superintendent shall have authority to enforce all policies pertaining to buildings and grounds use, and he may delegate this authority to any principal or designee to schedule events for their buildings. The sponsor may appeal any decision by the principal or designee to the superintendent and by the superintendent to the Board according to the provisions of Section 1.5.6.

Also see: Section 3.14.4, Item 11, 3.24.4, Item 13, 3.25.4, Item 13, and Section 3.1.13.

7.2.3 Religious use

The Board of Education of Marshall County wishes to co-operate with religious organizations where a definite need can be shown in respect to use of school buildings. The school will make its facility available to the religious group on the same terms the facility will be made available to other groups.

7.2.4 Commercial or Private Use

The Board of Education shall not permit the use of any school for private social functions, regular commercial ventures, or regular business for profit. (Board Minutes, November 8, 1960)

7.2.5 Meetings

Public meetings or meetings of community organizations may be held in school buildings or on school grounds if properly scheduled by the principal of the school and such activity is not considered damaging to the building, grounds, or public image of the schools.

7.2.6 Hazardous Activities

No school organization or other organization or group may sponsor any activity that may be of more than normal hazard to persons or property. In case of doubt about the hazard, the Board shall make the final decision.

7.2.7 Incompatible Activities

Activities in classrooms of the schools of Marshall County which require removal or rearrangement of furniture shall not be permitted.
(Board Minutes, August 4, 1959)

Gambling shall not be permitted on school owned property. The right of definition of gambling shall be reserved to the administrative staff and the board of education.

7.2.8 Charge of Admission

A community organization may be granted permission to use a school building for events for which an admission fee is charged under these conditions:

1. The net proceeds will be used to help promote a group or community effort.
2. The activity must not conflict with any policy stated in this manual or any rule or regulation of Marshall County Schools.

7.2.9 Financial Report

All organizations should file with the principal an itemized report of the gross receipts, net receipts, taxes, and necessary expenses.