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## 3.30.020-P Limitations On Use Of Facilities and Grounds – All Groups or Individuals

The special requirements of the educational setting, school programs, and the welfare and safety of students and district personnel compel judicious utilization of school facilities and school grounds. Accordingly, all groups or individuals on district property shall be subject to the following requirements, in addition to other applicable Board policies, Administrative Directives and school rules designed to maintain public order in school buildings and on school grounds.

## (1) Solicitation for Funds — Gifts.

- (a) Gifts or Presentations. No person shall solicit, receive or permit to be solicited or received from students enrolled in public schools, or on any public school premises any subscription, donation of money or other things of value for presentation of testimonials to school officials or for any purpose except such as authorized by the Board. (ORS 339.880) All teachers and all other employees are expected to abide by both the letter and the spirit of state law. The only exceptions authorized by the Board must be those of educational value to the students, such as those stated below:
  - (A) Educational values may be more fully realized in gifts to the school rather than in gifts to the individual;
  - (B) Floral pieces for funerals;
  - (C) Gifts in case of illness.
- (b) Acceptance of gratuities of any kind by any district personnel shall be prohibited.
- (2) <u>Illegal Activities</u>. The use of buildings or properties of the district shall not be granted to any organization or individual if there is a prima facie showing that the organization or individual will use said facilities for or in the promotion of illegal activities.
- (3) <u>Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs</u>. The use of alcoholic liquors, tobacco and illegal drugs in any form shall be prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds.
- (4) **Gambling**. Gambling of any sort including bingo, games of chance and raffles shall be prohibited in school buildings and on grounds at any time.
- (5) <u>Motorized Equipment and Horses</u>. Because of the risk of injury and related district liability and because of disturbances of neighbors to school property, the operation of helicopters, mini-bikes, motorized airplanes and

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similar motorized recreational equipment, horseback riding and pony rides on school grounds or school parking lots is prohibited.

- (6) Rocket Propulsion Devices/Fireworks. The use of rockets and similar jet propulsion devices, including the use of such devices for instructional projects, is prohibited on school premises by students or student groups. The use of fireworks on school grounds is prohibited.
- (7) Advertising or Sale of Merchandise. The advertising or sale of merchandise in the building or on the school grounds by non-students shall not be permitted except with the consent of the Board provided that this shall not apply to merchandise which is in whole or part the product of the student of any school and where such product is advertised and sold by students with the approval of the principal; provided further that the office of the superintendent may authorize the sale in school of certain articles deemed by him/her as essential to the successful operation of the educational program.
  - (a) Recycling projects are permitted on school grounds on designated days under supervision of school-sponsored groups (PTA's/PTO's, Dad's Club, etc.) or community schools. Dump boxes may not be placed on school grounds. Collected material cannot remain on school grounds unless secured. Sales of used clothing are not permitted.
  - (b) School (student) store are not to compete with existing businesses in the sale of merchandise other than that necessary to the successful operation of the schools.
- (8) <u>Acknowledgment of Contributions</u>. Appropriate acknowledgment of cash or in-kind contributions may be allowed at the administrative discretion of the superintendent.
- (9) <u>Discriminating Admissions</u>. Any activities to which admission may be prohibited on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation, shall not be conducted in the schools.
- (10) <u>Unauthorized Parking</u>. Unlawfully parked motor vehicles on parking lots of the district may, upon the request of the administrative officer in charge of the respective parking lot, be towed to storage by various towing companies pursuant to provisions of ORS 98.805 98.992. Written permission to private towing companies to enter lots on behalf of the district for the purpose of towing vehicles as specified above shall be granted by the office of the superintendent.

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### (11) Religious Activities.

- (a) A group may use a school building and facilities for a religious service (which includes a baccalaureate service) on the same basis school facilities and grounds are made available to other non-school groups and individuals if:
  - (A) The service is held after regular school hours;
  - (B) Attendance is voluntary; and
  - (C) The rental and other charges paid are in accordance with the schedule of charges established by the.
- (b) These provisions shall not be interpreted to permit the use of school buildings or facilities for any other religious purpose after regular school hours or for any religious purpose as part of the public school program, and no religious service, exercise or program shall be conducted, sponsored or arranged by the school at any time. See also Administrative Regulation 4.40.061, Student Assembly.
- (c) The distribution in any manner of any book, testament, pamphlet, tract or other printed matter of any religious character whatsoever on the school premises during the school day by non-students shall not be permitted. This rule, however, does not apply to the use of Bibles and other religious documents in either the school libraries or classrooms for their appropriate use in an instructional program. See also Board policy 4.40.050 (1) (d), Student Clubs and Assembly.
- (12) Gang Activity. Individuals shall not in school buildings or on school grounds wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other items which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang; use speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity. A "gang" is defined as a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance or language including hand signs, claiming of geographical territory or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity.
- (13) <u>Weapons</u>. Possession of an unauthorized loaded or unloaded firearm or any other instrument used as a dangerous or deadly weapon as defined in law and Board Policy, unless otherwise specifically accepted by law and Board Policy, is prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds.
- (14) <u>Disruptions</u>. Disrupting, impeding or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of district programs or any other authorized activity taking place in school buildings or on school grounds is prohibited.

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- (15) <u>Miscellaneous Activities</u>. For reasons of health, safety and appropriate use of school buildings, the following activities are prohibited: funerals, weddings; games of chance; dances by non-school groups; public dances, unless for senior citizens and sponsored by Community Schools; animal shows or obedience classes; barbecue classes. Memorials; wedding receptions; PTA/PTO and other school related group-sponsored barbecues and dances sponsored by such groups for district students may be permitted.
- (16) <u>Attendance Limits</u>. The maximum number of people permitted in auditoriums in the various buildings shall be restricted to their seating capacity as specified by the Portland Fire Bureau.

Legal References: ORS 161.015; ORS 166.155 -166.165; ORS 164.245; ORS 166.210 -166.370; ORS 164.255; ORS 332.107; ORS 166.025; ORS 339.880

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