



Wicomico County Board of Education

Community Use of School Facilities Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the protocol by which Wicomico County Public Schools (WCPS) will make their facilities and properties available for use by the community.

II. Policy Statement

The Wicomico County Board of Education (WCBOE) approves the use of buildings by other agencies and community members provided the use does not in any way interfere with the operation of the school system.

III. Policy

It is the policy of WCBOE to encourage the use of WCPS facilities by our schools, parent-teacher-student organizations and other outside agencies, organizations and groups. The following are exceptions:

- A. The Wicomico County Stadium will only be used for school-related activities such as football, track and field, soccer, band competitions or by special exception by WCPS Superintendent of Schools and/or the WCPS Athletic Director.
- B. Wicomico County Recreation and Parks Department, in collaboration with WCPS, manages use of WCPS athletic facilities such as gymnasiums, athletic fields, and tennis courts when not in use by WCPS. Community members and outside organizations should contact the Wicomico County Recreation and Parks to schedule usage of such facilities.
- C. Civil Disturbances/Natural Disasters
WCPS makes its facilities available, upon request, from law enforcement or local civil defense agencies in the event of a civil disturbance or natural disaster. Use of WCPS school facilities for these purposes will supersede any pending requests. WCPS Department of Maintenance Operations, and Energy Management will notify the requestor or renter in advance of the event.
- D. Inclement Weather/State of Emergency
WCPS reserves the right to cancel any use of a WCPS facility due to inclement weather or states of emergency. WCPS Department of Maintenance, Operations, and Energy will notify the requestor or renter in advance of the event.

The Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop procedures to implement this policy.

Related Documents:

- ADM-FAC-PR-003, Community Use of School Facilities Procedure
- Joint Use Agreement (MOU) between Wicomico County Recreation, Parks, and Tourism and the Wicomico County Board of Education for School Recreation Facilities

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