

SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Successful education programs require the support of the school district community. The board addresses the importance of the role of the school district community in the school district in this series of the policy manual. The board recognizes this support is dependent on the school district community's understanding of participation in the efforts, goals, problems and programs of the school district.

In this section, the board sets out its policies defining its relationship with the school district community. In striving to obtain the support of the school district community, the board will:

- Provide access to school district records;
- Inform the school district community of the school district's goals, objectives, achievements, and needs;
- Invite the input of the school district community; and,
- Encourage cooperation between the school district and the school district community.

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

Public records of the school district may be viewed by the public during the regular business hours of the administration offices of the school district. These hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays and recesses.

Persons wishing to view the school district's public records will contact the board secretary and make arrangements for the viewing. The board secretary will make arrangements for viewing the records as soon as practicable, depending on the nature of the request.

Persons may request copied of public records by telephone or in writing, including electronically. The school district may require pre-payment of the costs prior to copy and mailing.

Persons wanting copies may be assessed a fee for the copy. Persons wanting compilation of information may be assessed a fee for the time of the employee to compile the requested information. Printing of materials for the public at the expense of the school district will only occur when the event is sponsored by the school district.

Records defined by law as confidential records are viewed or copied upon receipt of written permission by the board secretary or superintendent from the person or entity whose confidential records are being requested. Pursuant to Iowa law, the board has determined certain records need to be confidential as their disclosure could jeopardize the safety of persons or property and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Security procedures
- Emergency preparedness procedures
- Evacuation procedures
- Security codes and passwords

It is the responsibility of the board secretary to maintain accurate and current records of the school district. It is the responsibility of the board secretary to respond in a timely manner to requests for viewing and receiving public information of the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 291.6 (2007).
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 88.
1972 Op. Att'y Gen. 158.
1968 Op. Att'y Gen. 656.

Cross Reference: 215 Board of Directors' Records
401.5 Employee Records
506 Student Records
708 Care, Maintenance, and Disposal of School District Records
902.1 News Media Relations

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NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

The board recognizes the value of and supports open, fair and honest communication with the news media. The board will maintain a cooperative relationship with the news media. As part of this cooperative relationship, the board and the media will develop a means for sharing information while respecting each party's limitations.

Members of the news media are encouraged and welcome to attend open board meetings. The board president is the spokesperson for the board, and the superintendent is the spokesperson for the school district. It is the responsibility of the board president and superintendent to respond to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Members of the news media seeking information about the school district will direct their inquiries to the superintendent. The superintendent will accurately and objectively provide the facts and board positions in response to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 279.8 (2005).

Cross Reference: 902 Press, Radio and Television News Media

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NEWS CONFERENCES AND INTERVIEWS

The superintendent, on behalf of the board and the school district, may hold a news conference or respond to a request for an interview with the news media.

The superintendent will respond accurately, openly, honestly, and objectively to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

News conferences and interviews planned or pre-arranged for school district activities will include the board and the superintendent. News conferences for issues requiring an immediate response may be held by the superintendent. It is within the discretion of the superintendent to determine whether a news conference or interview is held to provide an immediate response to an issue.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the board apprised of news conferences and interviews.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 279.8 (2005).

Cross Reference: 902 Press, Radio and Television News Media

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NEWS RELEASES

The superintendent will determine when a news release about internal school district and board matters will be issued. In making this determination, the superintendent will strive to keep the media and the school district community accurately and objectively informed. Further, the superintendent will strive to create and maintain a positive image for the school district. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to approve news releases originating within the school district prior to their release.

News releases will be prepared and disseminated to news media in the school district community. Questions about news releases will be directed to the superintendent.

Legal Reference: Widmer v. Reitzler, 182 N.W.2d 177 (Iowa 1970).
 Dobrovolny v. Reinhardt, 173 N.W.2d 837 (Iowa 1970).
 Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22.2 (2005).
 1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 73.
 1952 Op. Att'y Gen. 133.

Cross Reference: 902 Press, Radio and Television News Media

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LIVE BROADCAST OR VIDEOTAPING

Individuals may broadcast or videotape public school district events, including open board meetings, as long as it does not interfere with or disrupt the school district event and it does not create an undue burden in adapting the buildings and sites to accommodate the request. Broadcasting or videotaping of events also are subject to copyright laws.

It is within the discretion of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to determine whether the request is unduly burdensome and whether the broadcast or videotaping will interfere with or disrupt the school district event.

Videotaping of classroom activities will be allowed at the discretion of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Parents will be notified prior to videotaping of classroom activities if the time frame for videotaping is such that notification is feasible. At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to indicate in writing if they do not want their child(ren) to be included in any videotaping opportunities. The notification regarding videotaping and the deadline for submitting the written request for the child(ren) of parents/guardians will be in the student handbook for each attendance center.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations outlining the procedures for making the request and the rules for operation if the request is granted.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4, .7; 22; 279.8 (2005).

Cross Reference: 506.2 Student Directory Information
902.1 News Media Relations
903.3 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

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SCHOOL - COMMUNITY GROUPS

The board values the participation and the support of school district-community groups, including, but not limited to, the booster clubs and parent-teacher organizations, which strive for the betterment of the school district and the education program. The board will work closely with these groups.

Prior to any purchase of, or fund raising for, the purchase of goods or services for the school district, the group will confer with the superintendent or superintendent's designee to assist the group in purchasing goods or services to meet the school district's needs.

Funds raised by these groups for the school district may be kept as part of the accounts of the school district.

It is the responsibility of the building principal to be the liaison with the school district-community groups affiliated with the building principal's attendance center.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 291.13 (2005).

Cross Reference: 903 Public Participation in the School District

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS AND VOLUNTEERS

The board recognizes the valuable resource it has in the members of the school district community. When possible and in concert with the education program, members of the school district community may be asked to make presentations to the students or to assist employees in duties other than teaching. The school district may officially recognize the contributions made by volunteers.

Recruitment, training, utilization, and the maintenance of records for the purposes of insurance coverage and/or recognition of school district volunteers is the responsibility of the superintendent.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 670 (2005).

Cross Reference: 603.1 Basic Instruction Program
903.3 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

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VISITORS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & SITES

The board welcomes the interest of parents and other members of the school district community and invites them to visit the school buildings and sites. Visitors, which include persons other than employees or students, must notify the principal of their presence in the facility upon arrival.

Persons who wish to visit a classroom while school is in session are asked to notify the principal and obtain approval from the principal prior to the visit so appropriate arrangements can be made and so class disruption can be minimized. Teachers and other employees will not take time from their duties to discuss matters with visitors.

Visitors will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with mutual respect and consideration for the rights of others while attending school events. Visitors failing to conduct themselves accordingly may be asked to leave the premises. Children who wish to visit school must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

It is the responsibility of employees to report inappropriate conduct. It is the responsibility of the superintendent and principals to take the action necessary to cease the inappropriate conduct. If the superintendent or principals are not available, a school district employee will act to cease the inappropriate conduct, which may include contacting law enforcement to remove individuals from school property.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 716.7 (2005).

Cross Reference: 902 Press, Radio and Television News Media
903.2 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

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PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

School sponsored or approved activities are an important part of the school program and offer students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities not offered during the regular school day. School sponsored or approved activities are provided for the enjoyment and opportunity for involvement they afford the students.

Individuals are permitted to attend school sponsored or approved activities or visit the school building only as guests of the school district, and, accordingly as a condition of such permission, they must comply with the school district's rules and policies. Individuals will not be allowed to interfere with the education program, enjoyment of the students participating, other individuals or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school sponsored or approved activity. Individuals, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship. The failure of individuals to do so is not only disruptive but embarrassing to the students, the school district and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate in the education program, or activities without fear of interference, and to permit the employees or sponsors and officials of sponsored or approved activities to perform their duties without interference, the following provisions are in effect:

- Abusive, verbal or physical conduct of individuals directed at students, employees, officials or sponsors of sponsored or approved activities or at other individuals will not be tolerated.
- Verbal or physical conduct of individuals that interferes with the performance of students, employees, officials or sponsors of sponsored or approved activities will not be tolerated.
- The use of vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression directed at students, employees, officials or sponsors participating in an sponsored or approved activity or at other individuals will not be tolerated.

If an individual becomes physically or verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression, or in any way interrupts an activity, the individual may be removed from the event by the individual in charge of the event and the superintendent may recommend the exclusion of the individual from the school buildings or from future sponsored or approved activities. The Hawkeye 10 Athletic Conference has approved this policy for conference-wide implementation.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board will cause a notice of exclusion from the school building or from sponsored or approved activities to be sent to the individual involved. The notice will advise the individual of the school district's right to exclude the individual from school buildings, school district activities and events and the duration of the exclusion. If the individual disobeys the school official or district's order, law enforcement authorities may be contacted and asked to remove the individual. If an individual has been notified of exclusion and thereafter tries to enter a school building or attends an sponsored or approved activity, the individual will be advised that his/her attendance will result in prosecution. The school district may obtain a court order for permanent exclusion the school building or from future school sponsored or approved activities.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 716.7 (2005).

Cross Reference: 205 Board Member Liability
504 Student Activities
802.6 Vandalism
903 Public Participation in the School District

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DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

The board recognizes that students, employees, parents or citizens may want to distribute materials within the school district that are noncurricular. Noncurricular materials to be distributed must be approved by the building principal and meet certain standards prior to their distribution.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the building principals to draft administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: U.S. Const. Amend. I.
 Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
 Bethel School District v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).
 New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).
 Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Comm. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
 Bystrom v. Fridley High School, 822 F.2d 747 (8th Cir. 1987).
 Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.22 (2005).

Cross References: 502.3 Freedom of Expression
 503.1 Student Conduct
 504 Student Activities
 603.9 Academic Freedom

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DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS REGULATION

I. Guidelines.

Individuals, including students, may have the right to distribute on school premises, at reasonable times and places, unofficial written material, petitions, buttons, badges or other insignia, except expression which:

1. is obscene to minors;
2. is libelous;
3. contains indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd language;
4. advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
5. constitutes insulting or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses other people (e.g., threats of violence, defamation of character or of a person's race, religion, gender, disability, age or ethnic origin);
6. presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or the manner of distribution, it will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations.

Distribution on school premises of material in categories (1) through (4) to any student is prohibited. Distribution on school premises of material in categories (5) and (6) to a substantial number of students is prohibited.

II. Procedures.

Anyone wishing to distribute unofficial written material must first submit for approval a copy of the material to the building principal at least twenty-four hours in advance of desired distribution time, together with the following information:

1. Name and phone number of the person submitting request and, if a student, the homeroom number;
2. Date(s) and time(s) of day of intended display or distribution;
3. Location where material will be displayed or distributed;
4. The grade(s) of students to whom the display or distribution is intended.

Within twenty-four hours of submission, the principal will render a decision whether the material violates the guidelines in subsection I or the time, place and manner restrictions in subsection III of this policy. In the event that permission to distribute the material is denied, the person submitting the request should be informed in writing of the reasons for the denial. Permission to distribute material does not imply approval of its contents by either the school, the administration, the board or the individual reviewing the material submitted.

If the person submitting the request does not receive a response within twenty-four hours of submission, the person will contact the building principal's office to verify that the lack of response was not due to an inability to locate the person. If the person has made this verification and there is no response to the request, the material may be distributed in accordance with the time, place and manner provisions in subsection III.

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If the person is dissatisfied with the decision of the principal, the person may submit a written request for appeal to the superintendent. If the person does not receive a response within three school days of submitting the appeal, the person will contact the superintendent to verify that the lack of response is not due to an inability to locate the person. If the person has made this verification and there is no response to the appeal, the material may be distributed in accordance with the time, place and manner provisions in subsection III.

At every level of the process the person submitting the request will have the right to appear and present the reasons, supported by relevant witnesses and material, as to why distribution of the written material is appropriate.

Permission to distribute material does not imply approval of its contents by either the school district, the board, the administration or the individual reviewing the material submitted.

III. Time, place and manner of distribution.

The distribution of written material is prohibited when it blocks the safe flow of traffic within corridors and entrance ways of the school or otherwise disrupts school activities. The distribution of unofficial material is limited to a reasonable time, place and manner as follows:

1. The material will be distributed from a table set up for the purpose in a location designated by the principal, which location will not block the safe flow of traffic or block the corridors or entrance ways, but which will give reasonable access to students.
2. The material will be distributed either before and/or after the regular instructional day.
3. No written material may be distributed during and at the place of a normal school activity if it is reasonably likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of that activity.

IV. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to the following terms used in this policy:

1. "Obscene to minors" is defined as:
 - (a) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of minors of the age to whom distribution is requested;
 - (b) The material depicts or describes, in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning how such conduct should be presented to minors of the age to whom distribution is requested, sexual conduct such as intimate sexual acts (normal or perverted), masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
 - (c) The material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.
2. "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen.

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3. "Material and substantial disruption" of a normal school activity is defined as follows:
 - (a) Where the normal school activity is an educational program of the district for which student attendance is compulsory, "material and substantial disruption" is defined as any disruption which interferes with or impedes the implementation of that program.
 - (b) Where the normal school activity is voluntary in nature (including, without limitation, school athletic events, school plays and concerts, and lunch periods), "material and substantial disruption" is defined as student rioting, unlawful seizures of property, widespread shouting or boisterous demonstration, sit-in, stand-in, walk-out, or other related forms of activity.
 - (c) In order for expression to be considered disruptive, there must exist specific facts upon which the likelihood of disruption can be forecasted including past experience in the school, current events influencing student activities and behavior, and instances of actual or threatened disruption relating to the written material in question.
4. "School activities" means any activity of students sponsored by the school and includes, by way of example but not limited to, classroom work, library activities, physical education classes, official assemblies and other similar gatherings, school athletic contests, band concerts, school plays and in-school lunch periods.
5. "Unofficial" written material includes all written material except school newspapers, literary magazines, yearbooks, and other publications funded and/or sponsored or authorized by the school. Examples include leaflets, brochures, flyers, petitions, placards and underground newspapers, whether written by students or others.
6. "Libelous" is a false and unprivileged statement about a specific individual that tends to harm the individual's reputation or to lower him/her in the esteem of the community.
7. "Distribution" means circulation or dissemination of written material by means of handing out free copies, selling or offering copies for sale and accepting donations for copies. It includes displaying written material in areas of the school which are generally frequented by students.

V. Disciplinary action.

Distribution by any student of unofficial written material prohibited in subsection I or in violation of subsection III may be halted, and students may be subject to discipline including suspension and expulsion. Any other party violating this policy may be requested to leave the school property immediately and, if necessary, local law enforcement officials will be called.

VI. Notice of policy to students.

A copy of this policy will be published in student handbooks and posted conspicuously in school buildings.

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Generally, transporting students for school purposes is done in a vehicle owned by the school district and driven by a school bus driver. Students may be transported in private vehicles for school purposes. It is within the discretion of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to determine when this is appropriate.

Individuals transporting students for school purposes in private vehicles must have the permission of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Private vehicles will be used only when proof of insurance has been supplied to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee and when the parents of the students to be transported have given written permission to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The school district assumes no responsibility for those students who have not received the approval of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee and who ride in private vehicles for school purposes.

This policy statement applies to transportation of students for school purposes in addition to transporting students to and from their designated attendance center. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 285; 321 (2005).
281 I.A.C. 43.

Cross Reference: 401.6 Transporting of Students by Employees
401.7 Employee Travel Compensation
711 Transportation

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ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

The use of students, the school district name, or its buildings and sites for advertising and promoting products and/or services of entities and organizations operating for a profit is generally disallowed. The Directors may allow an exception when it is deemed in the best interest of the Red Oak Community School District. Nonprofit entities and organizations may be allowed to use students, the school district name, or its buildings and sites if the purpose is educationally related and prior approval has been obtained from the board.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8 (2005).

Cross Reference: 504.5 Student Fund Raising
904 Community Activities Involving Students

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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES: CONDITIONS, FEES

The board promotes the concept of school facilities serving as a center for community activities. Therefore, groups or organizations in the community will be allowed to use school facilities when the following conditions are met:

1. The use in no way interferes with the district's educational and activity programs.
2. The use is consistent with state law and conforms to district regulations.
3. The group or organization is responsible and will exercise care in the use of the facilities.
4. The activity is supervised by an adequate number of adult sponsors.
5. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are available or used on school grounds.
6. Red Oak Community School District buildings and campus facilities are tobacco free. The use of tobacco products (in any form) is prohibited.
7. The activity is confined to the area designated, and no school equipment or supplies are used except as approved in advance.
8. Any decorations or materials to be applied to the walls or floors must be approved in advance by the building principal.
9. Candles or other flammable materials shall be prohibited.
10. The activity is not a commercial profit-making venture by a taxable entity.
11. The use is not for private purpose or for personal gain.
12. A written application and agreement is executed, and approval is received in advance. A valid certificate of insurance is required.
13. Fees are paid in advance, if requested.
14. The group or organization shall be responsible for paying for any damage or destruction to the school facilities.
15. The group or organization shall indemnify and hold the district harmless from any claims or charges arising from the actions or inactions of the group or organization.

Application and Arrangements. A written application must be filled out by the group or organization and approval received through the business office, or through the athletic director for athletic facilities. The district reserves the right to withdraw approval.

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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES: CONDITIONS, FEES

Priority. Requests for use of school facilities for activities other than for the educational and activity program of the district (which shall always have precedence) shall receive priority scheduling as follows. Once an activity is scheduled, however, the district need not cancel the activity to make the facility available for a group with a higher priority.

1. **First Priority:** Meetings or activities for students, parents, and/or staff sponsored by recognized tax-exempt organizations which are affiliated with the district programs, such as:
 - Parent-Teacher Organizations
 - Booster Clubs
 - Red Oak Education Association for meetings of the local association only.
 - Red Oak Support Staff Association for meetings of the local association only.

2. **Second Priority:** Adult education programs and other programs or training activities sponsored by tax-supported organizations, such as:
 - Community College adult education classes
 - University/college educational programs
 - Green Valley Area Education Agency staff development activities
 - Law Enforcement Programs or Training sponsored at the City, County, or State Patrol levels, with a designated law enforcement official responsible for supervision
 - Armed Forces programs, other than recruitment or fundraising programs, that are open to the public and for which there is no admission charge

3. **Third Priority*:** Educational and recreational programs which are sponsored by tax-exempt organizations, such as:
 - Staff recreational programs
 - City recreational programs
 - Church programs
 - Red Cross programs
 - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls
 - Junior Achievement
 - Rotary
 - Jaycees
 - Meetings sponsored by governmental agencies to which the public is invited
 - Nonpublic schools for special purposes
 - Political meetings

4. **Fourth Priority:** Fund-raising activities and nonprofit making meetings and activities sponsored by commercial groups and parent-study groups sponsored by non-tax-exempt organizations.

Fees. Groups specified in the first priority are exempt from all rental and personnel fees. Groups specified in the second priority are exempt from all rental fees but will be charged for necessary personnel fees. Groups specified in the third and fourth priorities will be charged rental fees as set forth below and shall be charged for necessary personnel fees. Personnel fees include fees for the custodian(s), for food service workers if the kitchen is used, and for persons to operate public address systems, lighting, and special stage equipment. The rate shall be based on actual time required at that person's overtime rate.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES: CONDITIONS, FEES

Rental Fees.

		Second Priority	Third Priority	Fourth Priority
a.	Junior High Auditorium		\$25.00	\$100.00
b.	Senior High Auditorium		\$25.00	\$100.00
c.	Elem./Junior High Gymnasium		\$25.00	\$100.00
d.	Senior High Gymnasium		\$25.00	\$100.00
e.	Media Center		\$25.00	\$100.00
f.	Elem./Junior High Cafeteria (including kitchen)		\$15.00 \$25.00	\$60.00 \$100.00
g.	Senior High Cafeteria		\$25.00	\$100.00
h.	Washington Intermediate Multi-Purpose Room		\$15.00	\$60.00
i.	General classrooms (all buildings)		\$5.00	\$20.00

*No fees will be charged for use of classrooms for after-school use (Monday-Friday from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., during the school year), by Third Priority Groups which provide adult supervised activities for Red Oak Community School students. These groups will be charged a custodial fee if clean-up is required or if a custodian must stay beyond normally scheduled hours.

Third Priority Groups shall be eligible for a reduced-rate for multiple use requests. These rates shall be determined by the administration.

Football Stadium/Track Use.

A. Groups shall be charged the following rental fees for use of limited facilities at the football stadium:

- Third Priority - \$25.00
- Fourth Priority - \$100.00

The following facilities are included in the above user fee as needed:

- Stadium parking facilities
- Parking lots
- Ticket stations
- Players' benches
- Restrooms

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B. Groups shall be charged the following rental fees for use of extended facilities at the football stadium:

- Third Priority - \$50.00
- Fourth Priority - \$100.00

The following additional facilities are included in the above use fee as needed:

- Athletic field and track
- Sound system
- Locker & shower rooms
- Press box
- Lights

The following conditions shall apply in addition to the general conditions outlined in this policy:

1. Any use of the track or football field must be approved in advance.
2. All concession rights and privileges are reserved by the district.
3. If designated by the district, the organization shall insure that police protection is provided and shall pay all such costs.
4. If rehearsals are necessary, arrangements shall be determined by the athletic director.
5. If any platforms, stages, chairs or additional stage equipment are needed, they shall be provided by the organization. Installation must be approved by the athletic director.
6. The organization shall be required to provide public liability insurance naming the Red Oak Community School District as an "additional insured" through a company approved by the district with a minimum of \$50,000 property coverage.

The school district will sponsor education related organizations' use of the ICN upon approval of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Sponsored ICN user's mission must be consistent with the mission of the school district. Costs associated with the use of the ICN will be passed on by the school district to the sponsored user.

Authorized users of the ICN will ensure their use of the ICN is consistent with their written mission. The ICN will not be used for profit making ventures. Authorized users may not resell time on the ICN. Entities that wish to use the school district's ICN classroom to originate, receive or broadcast programming must follow the state scheduling requirements. It is recommended that entities that wish to use the school district's ICN classroom to originate, receive, or broadcast programming, contact the school district's ICN scheduler's office to inform them of their needs.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES: CONDITIONS, FEES

It is the responsibility of the entities that wish to use the school district's ICN classroom to originate, receive or broadcast programming in compliance with the law regarding authorized use of and content of the programming on the ICN. The school district assumes no responsibility or liability for entities using the ICN classroom in violation of the law, the authorized user's mission or school district policy and its supporting administrative regulations. The school district reserves the right to charge all costs, including attorney fees, that may arise to the entity for the entity's failure to comply with the law or school district policy and its supporting administrative regulations.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 8D; 276; 278.1(4); 279.8; 288; 297.9-.11 (2005).
751 I.A.C. 14.
1982 Op. Att'y Gen. 561.
1940 Op. Att'y Gen. 232.
1936 Op. Att'y Gen. 196.

Cross Reference: 704 Revenue

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ORGANIZATION YOU ARE REPRESENTING:

FACILITY REQUESTED:

DATE OF USE:

TIME OF USE:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH FACILITY IS TO BE USED:

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

DO YOU AGREE TO OBSERVE THE **TOBACCO FREE AREAS** AND NOT BRING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ON THE PREMISES; TO PAY FOR ANY DAMAGES OCCURRING TO SCHOOL PROPERTY DUE TO YOUR USE OF THE FACILITIES; TO ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT YOUR ACTIVITY; TO NOT ALTER THE FACILITY IN ANY MANNER WITHOUT FIRST SECURING PERMISSION OF THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE; AND TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES.

YES

NO

BOARD POLICY 905.1 REQUIRES THAT ANYONE WHO REQUESTS USE OF A SCHOOL FACILITY TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH A VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE NAMING THE RED OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED WITH A MINIMUM OF \$50,000 OF GENERAL LIABILITY. YOUR CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM SO THAT YOUR REQUEST CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL.

SIGNED BY:

DATE:

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE RED OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CENTRAL OFFICE, 904 BROAD STREET, RED OAK, IA 51566. PHONE: (712) 623-6600; FAX: (712) 623-6603

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT
INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AGREEMENT

The undersigned, hereafter referred to as "entity," states that it will hold the Red Oak Community School District, hereafter referred to as "school district," harmless from any and all damages and claims that may arise by reason of any negligence on the part of the entity in the use of any facilities or equipment owned by the school district. In case any action is brought therefore against the school district or any of its officers, employees or agents, the entity will assume full responsibility for the legal defense thereof, and upon its failure to do so on proper notice, the school district reserves the right to defend such action and to charge all costs, including attorneys' fees, to the entity.

The entity agrees to furnish and maintain during the usage of the facilities or equipment owned by the school district such bodily injury and property damage liability insurance as will protect the entity and the school district from claims or damages for personal injury, including accidental death, and from claims for property damages which may arise from the entity's use of the school district's facilities or equipment whether such operations be by the entity or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the entity.

The entity will furnish the school district with a certificate of insurance acceptable to the school district's insurance carrier before the contract is issued.

Dated at _____, Iowa, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Entity) School District

By _____

Title _____

Address _____

By _____
Superintendent

By _____
Secretary

ICN ROOM USE REGULATION

The ICN is a statewide telecommunications network designed primarily to enhance learning opportunities for students, employees and board members. The school district recognizes that it is not the only authorized user of the ICN and other users will frequently be using the school district's ICN facilities. Sponsored and authorized users of the ICN must comply with state and federal law in using the ICN.

The ICN scheduler is responsible for coordinating ICN classroom use. Requests for use of the ICN classroom by employees for the educational program are filed with ICN scheduler.

It is the responsibility of the entity using the ICN classroom to comply with the requirements of the law and school district policy and its supporting administrative regulations.

1. The ICN is a limited access network and sponsored or authorized users cannot use the system for profit making ventures.
2. The use must be consistent with the mission of the sponsored or authorized user.
3. Users cannot resell time on the ICN.
4. Sponsored and authorized users are responsible for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Iowa Civil Rights Act. Sponsored and authorized users are responsible for making the necessary accommodations and are responsible for obtaining and paying for needed interpreters or interpretive equipment.
5. Sponsored and authorized users are required to stay within the ICN classroom and use the most direct route to the ICN classroom. Other school district facilities, sites, areas in a the school district building or equipment are off limits to the authorized users.*
6. The charge for use of the ICN room is \$12.50.
7. The ICN will be available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8. The sponsored or authorized user is responsible for all site and site usage charges.
9. A school district employee will be present in the school district facility while the ICN is in use outside of regular school hours.
10. Food and drink may be restricted in the ICN room.
11. First time use of the ICN will require prior training and should be organized through the school district ICN scheduler.

Approved December 19, 2005

Reviewed May 29, 2007

Revised _____

ICN ROOM USE REGULATION

12. Use or transmission of copyrighted material, without prior approval of the copyright holder, is strictly prohibited. Appropriate use of the copyrighted material is the responsibility of the sponsored or authorized user, not the school district.
13. The school district reserves the right to amend these rules as necessary to reflect the ICN's usage and changes at the state or federal level.
14. The school district reserves the right to charge all costs, including attorneys' fees, that may arise to the authorized user for the sponsored or authorized user's failure to comply with the law, board policy and administrative regulations.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

District equipment may be temporarily loaned to community groups under the following conditions:

- a. The use in no way interferes with the district's educational and activity program.
- b. The use is consistent with state law and conforms to district regulations.
- c. The use is consistent with the conditions or purposes for which the equipment was originally intended. For example, equipment designed for interior use will not be used in outdoor settings.
- d. Electrical equipment must be used in settings with adequate, appropriate, and properly installed electrical access.
- e. The group or organization is responsible and will exercise care in the use of the equipment.
- f. Properly trained individuals must operate equipment.
- g. The activity is supervised by an adequate number of adult sponsors.
- h. The activity is not a commercial profit-making venture by a taxable entity.
- i. The use is not for a private purpose or for personal gain.
- j. A written application and agreement is executed and approval is received in advance through the appropriate administrator.
- k. The group or organization shall be responsible for paying for any damage or destruction to the school equipment, up to and including replacement of equipment lost or damaged beyond repair.
- l. If it is determined that the use of school equipment by community groups or organizations could result in increased and unnecessary liability exposure for the district, the request will be denied.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 8D; 276; 278.1(4); 279.8; 288; 297.9-.11 (2005).
751 I.A.C. 14.
1982 Op. Att'y Gen. 561.
1940 Op. Att'y Gen. 232.
1936 Op. Att'y Gen. 196.

Cross Reference: 704 Revenue

Approved February 16, 1982

Reviewed December 19, 2005

Revised June 11, 1984;
January 13, 1992, May 29, 2007

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT EQUIPMENT APPLICATION FORM

The undersigned entity makes application for the use of the school district equipment as designated below. Please refer to Policy 905.2 to determine the proper use of equipment. The entity is responsible for complying with the law, board policy and the administrative regulations.

The entity may be required to provide an Indemnity and Liability Insurance Agreement, Code No. 905.1E2, prior to the use of school equipment

Equipment _____ Date _____

Purpose _____ Hours _____

Total Fee \$ _____

Name of entity making application: _____

Name of person making application: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

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Dated at _____, Iowa, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Entity) School District

By _____

Title _____

Address _____

By _____
Superintendent

By _____
Secretary

TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco use. This requirement extends to students, employees, and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and nonschool-sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this request are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district premises immediately. It is the responsibility of the school administration to enforce this policy.

Legal Reference: Goals 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. No. 103-227, 108 Stat. 125 (1994).
Iowa Code §§ 142B; 279.8, .9; 297 (2005).

Cross Reference: 905.1 Community Use of School District Buildings & Sites & Equipment

Approved January 10, 1994

Revised: Jan. 10, 2011

Reviewed: