

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Narragansett Regional School Committee desires to make school facilities available for education, recreational, and civic purposes to recognize, responsible organizations in so far as it is practical to do so:

- (a) without interference to regular school activities and/or official town functions.
- (b) without loss or excessive depreciation of school property
- (c) without impacting in any way on the school's custodial services

Excerpt from Massachusetts General Laws Relating to Education, Chapter 71, Section 71

Public use of School Property.

"For the purpose of promoting the usefulness of public school property the school committee of any town may conduct such educational and recreational activities in or upon school property under its control and subject to such regulations as it may establish, and consistently and without interference with the use of the premises for school purposes, shall allow the use thereof by individuals and associations for such educational, recreational, social, civic, philanthropic and like purposes as it deems for the interest of the community. The affiliation of any such association with a religious organization shall not disqualify such association from being allowed such a use for such a purpose. The use of such property as a place of assemblage for citizens to hear candidates for public office shall be considered a civic purpose within the meaning of this section."

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REGULATIONS

Subject to reconsideration of the Narragansett Regional School Committee in individual cases:

1. Narragansett Regional School District facilities will be available to individuals and organizations covered under MGL Chapter 71, Section 71 only with the express written consent of the Building Principal, or his/her designee.
2. Use of school facilities by individual or organizations not covered by MGL 71, Section 71 shall be at the Discretion of the Superintendent of Schools and fees may be charged beyond those listed.
3. No permit will be issued to a minor for any activity.
4. All regulations with respect to tax on admissions under the Internal Revenue Code will be observed.
5. Decorations, posters, etc. will not be affixed to any part of the building except in accordance with established regulations.
6. The Building Principal may deny use of facilities to persons or groups who abuse school property or do not provide and enforce appropriate supervision.
7. The permit is issued for a stated period of time and the user must abide by these time periods.
8. Only the area specified in the approval form will be used.
9. Anytime a school building is being used by a paying rental, at least one custodian shall be assigned, and if it is outside the normal work hours, the custodian(s) shall be compensated at time and one-half or double time if applicable. Should a building be used and no rental fee charged, unless a custodian is assigned, the group using the building shall be responsible for clean-up.
10. School personnel on duty have full authority to see that the provisions of the permit are observed by the applicant.
11. The sponsor must be present throughout the entire time of the permit.
12. Representatives of organizations, clubs, or groups will provide appropriate supervision from within the organization, club or group.
13. Equipment and properties brought into buildings must be removed by the user within twelve hours after a performance unless other arrangements have been made. The Narragansett Regional School District is not responsible for any property left on the premises. **Note: Only Indoor or Approved Balls, determined by the Director of Building and Grounds, will be allowed to be used in school buildings.**
14. Groups to whom the school facilities have been made available are responsible for replacement and/or repairs due to theft and/or destruction of school property. All repairs will be made under the direction of the Director of Building & Grounds.

15. The Narragansett Regional School Committee assumes no liability for injury to persons present in the building through the result of the permit issued. The School Committee assumes no liability for damage to equipment, and the holder of a permit agrees to accept all equipment as is, and is responsible and liable for damages to the building or equipment as thereof and all personal injuries.
16. If more than one individual or organization is using the same facility at a common time the custodial cost will be divided equally.
17. No smoking or use of other tobacco products is permitted in school building or on school grounds.
18. Beverages or food will not be served or sold on school premises unless permission is granted for specific areas.
19. No alcoholic beverage will be allowed on school premises at any time.
20. Use of the school cafeterias, require a food service employee be present and shall be paid by the rental party. In the event that food is being prepared, the rental party is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the area in accordance with Board of Health regulations.
21. When food is being served in school buildings, the rental party must obtain the appropriate permits in accordance with Board of Health regulations.
22. The Building Principal reserves the right to reject applications or make necessary changes in the event of an emergency.
23. The Narragansett Regional School Committee reserves the option to make any amendment to the above in allowing for the best service in the community.
24. The Superintendent of Schools will inform the Principals of the appropriate assessment of fees.
25. User Rates of School Facilities will be established annually by the Narragansett Regional School Committee.
26. One time use of the District facility will require **payment at the time the application is submitted** for use of the building.
Parties who sign up for multiple uses of the facility will be billed on a monthly basis.
27. When requesting use of specialized equipment, responsible parties must receive training from Director of Building and Grounds, Administrator, and/or Department Head.
28. All checks are to be made payable to: **Narragansett Regional School District.**

100% NO TOLERANCE ZONE FOR ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR DRUGS

Hazing and use of any of the above products within the school buildings, the school facilities, on the school grounds, or on school buses by any individual, including school personnel, is strictly prohibited

