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Use of ESD Facilities

The Board believes that the facilities of the High Desert ESD (ESD) should be made available for community purposes when under the supervision of responsible persons, providing that such use does not interfere with the official business or the educational mission of the district. The ESD is precluded from sponsoring, financially supporting or participating in religious or political activities.

Application for the use of a meeting room for any meeting not sponsored by the superintendent or ESD staff shall be made in writing to the superintendent or the designated representative. The request shall state the time, space needed, the name of the organization desiring its use, the purposes for which it is to be used and the name of the individual who will be responsible for the care of the building and equipment requested. To assure proper reservations, all applications shall be received not later than five days before the date of use. Permission shall be granted in writing.

Preference to competing requests will be granted according to the following order of descending preference:

1. ESD programs and activities;
2. Component school districts;
3. Other public schools;
4. Adult education classes requested by the administrations of district community colleges or the Division of Higher Education of Oregon institutions;
5. State agencies providing services to children and families;
6. Other nonprofit groups of an educational, civic or service nature;
7. Private or commercial groups.

The use of district facilities shall not be granted for private social functions or any purpose which is prohibited by law.

The Board shall require that all users of facilities comply with Board policies and administrative regulations.

During the regular work day, ESD meeting rooms and other public areas of the ESD shall be available if not previously committed for the ESD for the use of component school districts without charge for purposes which relate directly to the educational program and operation of the component school district.

Organizations which do not qualify for free use of facilities shall be requested to pay the costs related to their use of ESD meeting rooms and other ESD facilities, in accordance with the district's fee schedule. The schedule of fees shall be approved by the superintendent, reviewed and revised annually as needed.

Permission to use ESD facilities does not imply sponsorship by the ESD or responsibility on its part for the content and quality of the program presented. In most cases, permission to use the facilities will be granted by the superintendent or the person to whom he/she delegates this authority. Depending on the kind of activity and the extent of the risk involved, the user may be required to provide the district with a Certificate of Insurance documenting adequate liability insurance coverage. Where there is a question about the appropriateness of facility use, the superintendent is expected to consult with the Board chairman before granting such permission. No organization shall be eligible to use the ESD facilities when, in the judgment of the decision-making authority, the activities proposed are detrimental to the building or its contents or unacceptable to the community or not in the public interest. The Board chairman may request that the matter be brought to the Board for a decision at its next meeting.

The ESD reserves the right to cancel at any time any and all permits issued for use of its facilities when such action is necessary for the best interests of the district.

Evening and Weekend Use

Use of ESD facilities during the evening or weekend shall be in accordance with this policy and pertinent administrative regulations.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 334.125 (7)

ORS 334.175

ORS 334.185

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