

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 1330.2

Community Relations

Joint Use Agreement

In order to ensure the efficient use of public resources and increase access to needed services, the Board of Education may enter into an agreement with any public agency, public institution, and/or community organization to use community facilities for school programs or to make school facilities or grounds available for use by those entities. Such an agreement shall be based on an assessment of student and community needs and may be designed to increase access to spaces for recreation and physical activity, library services, school health centers, preschool programs, child care centers, before- or after-school programs, or other programs that benefit students and the community.

When it is determined that joint use of facilities is in the best interest of the district and community, the superintendent or designee shall identify a potential partner agency, institution, or organization. He/she shall involve that partner, appropriate district and school staff, and community members in establishing planning processes, goals and priorities for joint use, locations where programs or facilities are most needed, and protocols for ongoing communication and coordination between the partners.

The superintendent or designee shall work with the partner agency, institution, or organization to develop a written site-specific joint use agreement that delineates the terms and conditions for joint use of the district or community facilities and the responsibilities of all parties. As appropriate, the agreement may address:

1. The underlying philosophy or reasons for entering into the joint use agreement
2. The specific district or community facilities or grounds that will be made available to the other party and areas that will be restricted
3. Priorities for use of the property
4. Hours that the property will be available for use by the district, the partner, or other parties

5. Projected capital costs, if any, and operating costs
6. Resources to be allocated by the district and the partner
7. Rental or other fees, if any, to be charged to either party or third parties using the facilities
8. Responsibilities for management, scheduling, maintenance, on-site supervision, accounting, and other operations
9. Procedures and timelines for requesting use of the facilities
10. Code of conduct for users of the facilities and consequences for violations of the code
11. Provision for regular inspection and notification of damage, as well as restitution and repair of property
12. Safety and security measures
13. Liability, insurance, and risk management issues
14. Duration of the agreement, process for amending the agreement, and the bases for cancelling or terminating the agreement before the expiration date
15. Process for resolving disputes regarding any aspect of the agreement
16. How any equipment purchased or other investments made through the agreement will be disposed of at the termination of the agreement

The agreement shall be reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Board of Education.

The superintendent or designee shall provide regular reports to the Board of Education regarding progress toward project goals, including, but not limited to, levels of participation in joint use programs held at school or community facilities, feedback from program participants, and any report of damage to property or harm to individuals resulting from the joint use. As needed, the superintendent or designee shall recommend amendments to the joint use agreement.

Legal Reference: Education Code
8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety Program
8484.7-8484.9 21st Century Community Learning Centers
10900-10914.5 Community recreation programs
17051-17052 Joint use
17077.40-17077.45 Eligibility for joint use funding
17565-17592 Board duties re property maintenance and control
35200-35214 Liabilities
37220 School holidays; use of facilities when school is closed
38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes
44808 Exemption from liability when students not on school property
Business and Professions Code
25608 Alcoholic beverages on school premises
Government Code
814-825.6 Liability of public entities and employees
830-840.6 Liability; dangerous conditions on property
895-895.8 Liability; agreement between public entities
989-991.2 Local public entity insurance
United States Code, Title 20
7171-7176 21st Century Community Learning Centers
7905 Equal access to public facilities

Management Resources:

CSBA Publications

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity Through Joint Use of Facilities, Policy Brief, rev. February 2010
Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009
NATIONAL POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS NETWORK TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY PUBLICATIONS
Model California Joint Use Agreements
Liability for Use of School Property After Hours: An Overview of California Law, July 2009
Checklist for Developing Joint Use Agreements, March 2009
Public Health Law and Policy Publications

Opening School Grounds to the Community After Hours: A Toolkit for Increasing Physical Activity Through Joint Use Agreements, 2010

Web Sites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition): <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

Cities Counties and Schools Partnership:

<http://www.ccspartnership.org>

Joint Use Statewide Task Force: <http://www.jointuse.org>

National Policy and Legal Analysis Network:

<http://www.nplan.org>

Public Health Law and Policy: <http://www.phpnet.org>

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