

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**Policy**

It is the policy of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to support the community use of school facilities in ways that complement regular school activities. It is the intent of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to make the school facility available to citizens, groups, and organizations. It must be recognized, however, that the primary utilization of this facility must be for school purposes, and all school activities shall receive priority in the use of the building.

It must be further recognized that the school budget is designed for educational purposes, and any expense resulting from other usage of the facility must be borne by the user or party. Expenses shall include heat, lights, janitorial requirements, personnel required to supervise, and damage to buildings, grounds, and equipment.

Implementation

1. School activities take precedence over all other uses of facilities.
2. Authorization to use school facilities does not imply endorsement or approval of any group or activity.
3. The Principal shall be responsible for establishing criteria for the use of school facilities by community members. Whenever community members use school facilities pursuant to this policy, they shall comply with the accompanying procedures.

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Legal Reference(s): Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, 530 U.S. 640, 120 S.Ct. 2446 (200)

Boy Scouts of America v. Till, 2001 WL 315360 (S. D. Fla)

16 V.S.A. §563 (3), (5) (Powers of school boards)

Cross Reference: