

School buildings represent a substantial investment by the District's taxpayers. There are many evenings while a school term is in session that school facilities are not in use for school purposes, as well as many days during the summer the schools and grounds are not utilized for educational purposes. It is the desire of St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees that maximum use is made of the facilities under its jurisdiction for educational and recreational activities. To extend the privilege of using these facilities, the Board of Trustees finds it necessary to seek compliance to its regulations governing the use of school buildings and facilities.

Since it is a policy to raise funds through taxation to operate the school's educational program only, the Board finds it necessary to charge a minimal fee for use of the school buildings and facilities by organizations not directly associated with the District. These fees will be used to offset a portion of the expenses made by increased use of heat, lights, and janitorial services. The Board of Trustees may, at their discretion, void the usage fee schedule when it is deemed in the best interest of the school and community.

No District facility may be used for personal gain unless user or users pay a reasonable fee. The fee set by the Board of Trustees is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per hour and is subject to change upon Board approval.

Organizations, corporations, or private business and individuals assume full liability for facility and equipment use while in their custody.

In general, non-profit, religious, and service organizations will be allowed to use some facilities and equipment free of charge. However, they will still retain full liability. In such instances, the user or users will provide for full maintenance and custodial obligations.

**Policy Cross Reference:**

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