

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Use of School Facilities

The Prince William County School Board encourages the use of school buildings and grounds by departments and agencies of the Prince William County government and the community for educational, recreational, civic, and cultural activities, in conformance with applicable law. The Prince William County School Board believes that school facilities are an important resource in developing and sustaining lifelong learning, in promoting inter-governmental cooperation, and in encouraging citizen participation in community activities.

The Prince William County School Board believes that planning for all its major capital improvement projects should be developed in coordination with the appropriate departments and agencies of Prince William County and appropriate agencies in the community, insofar as it is practical and possible, to the mutual benefit of the departments and agencies involved. Such planning should address the physical projects, the anticipated users, and the source of funding. The Prince William County School Board shall provide funding only for the development and operation of school facilities needed for its instruction program and related school activities.

The foremost priority for use of school facilities and grounds is assigned to Prince William County Public Schools' instructional programs, student activities, and activities of school-related groups. When space is available at times that do not interfere with these priorities, school facilities may be reserved for use by the County and community as provided in Regulation 930-1, Community Use of School Facilities, and the Prince William County Public Schools Community Use Manual.

Adult non-profit organizations may use school facilities for approved fund-raising events. Fund-raising activities such as raffles, guessing games, and other similar games of chance are allowed only when the organization has fulfilled all requirements of and is in compliance with state and local legislation and with Prince William County School Board regulations on the subject of games of chance. Gambling, in any form, is strictly prohibited.

Use of school/facilities by school and community organizations/individuals shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, School Board policies and regulations, and the Prince William County Public Schools Community Use Manual.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this regulation in 2012.

Code of Virginia, §§ 22.1-131; 22-1-132.

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