

**POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (APPENDIX 1)
REGARDING USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-239, the New Milford Board of Education (the “Board”) may permit the use of any school facility for nonprofit educational or community purposes whether or not school is in session. The Board may also grant the temporary use of any school facility for public, educational or other purposes, including the holding of political discussion, at such time the facility is not in use for school purposes. In addition, the Board shall grant such use for any purpose of voting under the provisions of Title 9 of the Connecticut General Statutes whether or not school is in session. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 7905, the Board shall not deny equal access to or a fair opportunity to meet, or otherwise discriminate, against any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America (or any other youth group listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the United States Code) that wishes to conduct a meeting using school facilities pursuant to this policy. Such uses shall be governed by the following rules and procedures, and shall be subject to such restrictions as the Superintendent or his/her designee considers expedient.

Consistent with this policy, the Superintendent shall develop and promulgate Administrative Regulations and associated forms governing use of school buildings and facilities by community and other groups. Since the primary purpose of school facilities is for educational activities, such activities will have priority over all other requested uses.

A. Application Procedures

Applications for use of facilities shall be submitted to the following individuals, in accordance with the Administrative Regulations:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Application Submitted To</u>
For use of school buildings	Building Principal
For use of athletic fields and facilities	Athletic Director
For use of other school facilities	Director of Facilities

Groups requesting use of school buildings and facilities must identify the specific facilities desired, and approval will be for those specific facilities only. All school equipment on the premises shall remain in the charge and control of the building principal or responsible administrator, and shall not be used without the express written permission of the administrator.

Principals and other responsible administrators shall submit copies of each building use form with a notation of whether such uses have been approved. Approval of school facilities by the principal or other responsible party may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

B. Eligible Organizations and Priority of Use and Organization Type

Administrators responsible for approving/disapproving requests for use of school district facilities will use the following guidelines regarding priority of usage of such facilities:

Order of priority and Organization type

1. All activities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.

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Parent-Teacher and Other Associated Groups: (e.g., PTO, Booster Clubs, After Graduation Committees and similar organizations).
2. Recreation for Children: (e.g. Girl and Boy Scouts Organizations, Youth Agency, Parks & Recreation, and other similar organizations).

Recreation for Adults: Non-Profit Organizations (e.g. Adult cultural or recreational activities, Senior Citizens and other similar organizations).
3. Other Non-Profit Groups: (e.g. Church Youth Groups, Service Organizations, Church Meetings).

Commercial Ventures: This category includes commercial ventures of definite cultural value, for the specific benefit of the youth of New Milford.
4. Political Party Meetings: To be used for conducting party business and not for rallies with the exception of caucuses.

Private Party Meetings: Civic and Fraternal programs (e.g. Women's Club, Condo Associations, alumni groups, Masons, Elks, etc.).
5. Commercial Venture: This category includes commercial venture for organizational promotion.

C. Restrictions on Use of School Facilities

The following restrictions shall apply to the use of school facilities:

1. Illegal activities will not be tolerated.
2. Use or possession of tobacco, vapor products, alcoholic beverages or unauthorized controlled substances shall not be permitted on school property.
3. Refreshments may not be prepared, served or consumed without the prior approval of the responsible administrator. Notwithstanding, only those beverages permitted by state law may be sold during the school day. The responsible administrator may permit other beverages to be sold at the location of events occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend as long as they are not sold from a vending machine or at a school store. Upon approval by the administrator, refreshments may be prepared, served and consumed only in areas designated by the responsible administrator.
4. Obscene advertising, decorations or materials shall not be permitted on school property.
5. Advertising, decorations or other materials that promote the use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, vapor products, or alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted.
6. Activities that are disruptive of the school environment are not permitted.

Any violation of this Policy or any applicable Administrative Regulations may result in permanent revocation of the privilege to use school facilities against the organization and/or individuals involved.

D. Fees and Other Costs

Users of school facilities shall be responsible for the fees and costs set out in a fee schedule established by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board of Education. The Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule is set forth in 1330R Appendix 1.

E. Responsibility for Damage to Property or Loss of Property

In order to use school district facilities, any organization or individual requesting such use must agree to assume responsibility for any damage to and/or theft or loss of any school district property arising out of the use of the facilities.

F. Health and Safety Protocols

In order to use school district facilities, any organization or individual requesting such use must agree to abide by all health and safety protocols in place by the school district at the time of use, including but not limited to protocols relating to cleaning of the facilities, signage, and health screenings of individuals requesting access to the facilities.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-239
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-215f
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221q
Conn. Gen. Stat. Title 9

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7905
Patriotic and National Organizations, 36 U.S.C. § 1010 et seq.

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NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Milford, Connecticut

INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE

This form is valid for a period of one calendar year from the date signed for each application of usage which is made.

In consideration of the permission granted to it by the New Milford Board of Education (the "Board") to use the school building, grounds, facilities, and/or equipment, the undersigned does hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Board and the Town of New Milford, their employees, agents, contractors and assigns against any and all loss or expense, including attorneys' fees, court costs, damages, liability and any other amounts for any and all bodily injuries, including death, and/or for any and all property damage sustained accidentally or otherwise sustained by any person arising out of or connected with the undersigned's use of the school building, grounds, facilities, and/or equipment.

The undersigned further waives the right to initiate and/or pursue in any manner any and all lawsuits and any other claims in any forum against the Board or the Town of New Milford, its individual Board members, officers, employees, agents, contractors and assigns for any injury or harm connected to the undersigned's use of the Board's facilities, including but not limited to claims for negligent acts or omissions and/or claims for death and/or serious bodily injury and/or claims for property damage.

The undersigned assumes responsibility for any damage to and/or theft or loss of any school district property arising out of the use of the buildings, grounds, facilities, and/or equipment.

The undersigned has read and agrees to abide by the terms of the Board policies pertaining to use of Board buildings, grounds, facilities, and/or equipment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signatures:

Elementary and Intermediate Schools
(Effective July 1, 2023 - retroactive)

Org. Type	Classroom	Cafeteria	Library	Kitchen	Gym, MPR	Fields/Parking
1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
3	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
4	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$175.00
5	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$225.00

Middle and High Schools

Org. Type	Classroom	Cafeteria	Library	Kitchen	Gym	Arena	MPR	Theater	Turf Fields
1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	based on # of athletes *
3	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$600.00	based on # of athletes *
4	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$800.00	\$200.00/hour
5	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$750.00	\$350.00	\$1,200.00	\$250.00/hour

Utility Fees (per event)

Org. Type	Classroom	Cafeteria	Library	Kitchen	Gym	Theater	Turf Field Lights
1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$16.00	\$26.00	\$15.51 (per hour) 2 hour minimum
3	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$16.00	\$26.00	\$15.51 (per hour) 2 hour minimum
4	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$16.00	\$26.00	\$15.51 (per hour) 2 hour minimum
5	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$16.00	\$26.00	\$15.51 (per hour) 2 hour minimum
A/C Charges Where Applicable	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$250.00	n/a

- Custodial overtime fees will be billed at \$39.12 per hour Monday-Saturday, \$52.16 per hour on Sundays.
 - Turf Field Overtime rate will be \$50.00 per hour for 1-3 hours of use; \$150.00 flat rate for 3+ hours per Monday-Saturday event; and \$200.00 flat rate for 3+ hours per Sunday event.
 - A.V. or Computer Tech. fees will be billed at \$37.00 per hour Monday-Saturday, \$47.00 per hour on Sundays.
(Required for NMHS Theatre Sound Booth and any other on-site support)
 - Cafeteria employees' services will be billed separately and in addition to any fees incurred by this permit.
 - There will be a one time application fee of \$20.00 for groups in Org. Type 2 & 3.
 - There will be a one time application fee of \$30.00 for groups in Org. Type 4 & 5.
 - There will be a flat rate fee of \$175.00 per use for the school piano or sound system.
- There will be a flat rate fee of \$150.00 each per use for a school computer, copier, and/or audio/visual equipment.

Fee of \$25.00 per use of Turf Field Sound Booth (organization types 2-5). Usage of this also requires pre-use authorization form.
Fee of \$150.00 per use of Turf Field Booster Barn (organization types 2-5). Usage of this also requires pre-use authorization form.

- * 1-30 participants \$350
- * 31-60 participants \$550
- * 61-90 participants \$750
- * 91+ \$10 per athlete