

Superintendent Procedure 4200SP.D

Public Use of Outside School Grounds

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Members of the public may use outside school grounds for recreation (e.g. athletic tracks and fields) before or after school hours. Use by the public is permitted in areas normally used for recreational activity when those facilities are not being used by District students or by outside groups that have reserved the space.

Members of the public who use outside school grounds are subject to the following conditions of use:

1. Outside school grounds are available for public use except:
 - a. During school hours;
 - b. When used by District students;
 - c. When reserved by outside groups;
 - d. From dusk to dawn; and
 - e. When locked or otherwise closed to facilitate necessary restrictions on public use and other temporary closures.
2. The Superintendent, or their designee, and school leaders may temporarily close outside school grounds for public use when, in their judgment, conditions on the grounds pose a serious risk of harm to the safety of the public. District staff will work to remedy the unsafe conditions so that the public's use of outside school grounds may be restored.
3. All persons on school grounds must comply with all federal, state, and local laws.
4. All persons on school grounds must comply with all District policies, procedures, and school rules.
5. District property are Drug-Free Zones. The use of illegal drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol is prohibited. Possession of drugs is also generally prohibited except as otherwise allowed under District Policies and Procedures, such as an adult (over the age of 21) possessing of an unopened container of alcohol in a locked motor vehicle.
6. District property are Weapons-Free Zones. The use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons is prohibited as provided in Board Policy Nos. 3248 Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Prohibition for Students, and 4210, Weapons Prohibition for Adults and Visitors.
7. The use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) is prohibited.
8. The use of any radio, audio speaker, musical instrument, record player, or any other machine or device producing or reproducing sound at a volume that is audible at a distance of 50 feet therefrom is prohibited.
9. Open fires, open flames, fireworks, and cigarettes are prohibited.
10. Overnight parking on school grounds is prohibited unless prior approved by the District facilities department.

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Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 3248; 4200; 4210; 4215; 5201; Superintendent Procedures 4200SP.A, 4200SP.B, 4200SP.C