

## **COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES**

### **Statement Of Policy**

It is the policy of the Peel District School Board to make facilities available to a variety of organizations, groups and individuals considering the priority of our educational programs and administrative requirements, and with respect to the protection and maintenance of the property.

This policy is aligned with and supports the principles and expectations of the Board's Human Rights policy ([Policy 51](#)) and the Equity and Inclusive Education policy ([Policy 54](#)). At all times, this policy should be interpreted to be consistent with the Board's policies and the *Human Rights Code*.

### **Guiding Principles**

The Facilities Rentals Department is responsible for issuing permits to all board and non-board groups on weekends and after 6:00 p.m. during the school week. They are also responsible for permitting Before School and After School Child Care Programs.

Principals will ensure agreements are in place with all non-board groups offering educational programs prior to 6:00 p.m. during the school day.

### **Fees**

It is understood that the use of the board's facilities by external organizations will not result in additional costs to the board. As such, the board may charge rental fees in order to cover the expenses generated by this use.

The rates charged will be structured in such a way as to encourage use by not-for-profit groups providing programs for children and youth.

The rates, amended and published from time to time, reflect the Board's cost of operating the facilities including wages, utilities, and wear and tear.

When determining fees, organizations wishing to use board facilities shall be classified according to the following groups:

Schools Use	Elementary and secondary schools only
Board Use	Board programs and affiliations
Youth Not-for-Profit	Youth groups with a valid not-for-profit certificate
Weekday Before and After School	Before and after school programming
Adult Not-for-Profit	Adult groups with a valid not-for-profit certificate
Worship	Faith based assemblies using school space
Recreational	Groups that do not have a not-for-profit certificate
Corporate	Corporate entities
Elections	Municipal/Provincial/Federal Elections

Government Funding

Funding provided by the government for the express purpose of supporting the community use of schools will be allocated by the board in order to reduce the rates charged to qualifying community groups.

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