

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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The Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board, may provide for or permit the use of school buildings and grounds out of school hours during the school term, or during vacations for any legal assembly. School facilities also may be used as voting places in any primary, regular, or special election.

The Board is authorized to permit use of school property under its control when such use will not impair the efficiency of the school.

The requirements of the regular school program shall receive first consideration in the use of school facilities. School related organizations, such as the Parent-Teacher Organization, shall have priority over non-school related organizations and approved child and youth groups over adult groups.

Non-school related groups and organizations, comprised of citizens of Charlottesville, may be permitted to use school facilities at the discretion of the Superintendent or appointed agent, or the Charlottesville City School Board, provided that:

1. The meetings or functions are of general community interest,
2. The meetings or functions do not benefit personally any sponsor, promoter, or individual in an economic way,
3. Such meetings or functions are not regularly scheduled for use of school facilities and are for specially scheduled meetings.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.79.3, 22.1.130, 22.1-131, 33.1-132, 22.1-182, Charlottesville City Code 1976, section 16-10.

Lambs Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993).

Fairfax Covenant Church v. Fairfax City School Board, 17 F. 3d 703 (4th Cir. 1994).

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