

Article VII.C.2.        Grounds Use (No Building Access)

A.     Statement of Purpose

School grounds are intended for curricular and school activity purposes. Community members frequently seek to reserve grounds for structured and unstructured activities during non-school hours. The guidelines of this subsection are intended to protect the viability of grounds.

B.     Priorities

The following are established as school ground use priorities.

1.     School Activities and Programs

The primary use for grounds is for the school and its programs. All other uses are subordinate to this primary use. Principals, after consultation with the School Services director, are authorized to place constraints that are more restrictive than the guidelines of this policy if necessary to maintain or rehabilitate grounds.

2.     Government Sponsored Recreation

The second priority for scheduling the use of grounds is for use by government-sponsored recreation such as county or municipal recreation programs.

3.     Other Public Use

The third priority for scheduling the use of grounds is for use by other entities, whether non-profit or for-profit. Within this priority, preference is given to entities providing opportunities primarily for Granite School District students and patrons.

C.     Maximum Non-School Use

Beyond daily school activity and program use, grounds shall not be scheduled:

1.     more than four days in a single week,
2.     more than two consecutive days, or
3.     on Sundays.

D.     Use Over 3 Consecutive Hours

Entities seeking to schedule school grounds for more than three consecutive hours shall provide for portable restroom facilities. Such facilities shall not be left overnight at a school but shall be removed daily.

E. Scheduling

1. Entities seeking to schedule the use of grounds shall complete the district rental form and submit it to the school principal no more than a year in advance.
2. Requests are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, except that if higher priority requests are received more than 60 calendar days prior to a requested date, the higher priority request shall “bump” the lower priority request. In no event shall requests be “bumped” 60 or fewer days prior to a requested date.
3. In the event that a request is to be “bumped,” the principal shall notify the entity that is being bumped in writing as soon as reasonably possible.
4. Principals are encouraged to consider rotating schedules to balance the needs of competing interests (e.g. community sports with overlapping seasons).

F. Assessment and Care of Fields

1. The school principal, in consultation with school custodial and district maintenance personnel, is responsible for oversight of grounds maintenance and the regulation of non-school uses pursuant to these guidelines.
2. Requestors are responsible to make reasonable efforts to clean trash or refuse left by activity participants or spectators. Failure to do this may result in revocation or prohibition of future grounds use by the individual or entity.

G. Cancellations

The district reserves the right to cancel scheduled activities as required by field or weather conditions. The sole remedy for such cancellation shall be refund of rental fees paid to the school.

H. Fees and Deposits

The district administration may establish and assess grounds use fees.