

# Weakley County Board of Education



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## Community Use of School Facilities

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2 When not in use for school purposes, school buildings and grounds or portions thereof may be  
3 used for public, governmental, charitable, civic, recreational, cultural, and other purposes that  
4 promote the welfare of the community as approved by the Board.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>  
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- 6 1. Requests for the use of school facilities shall be made at the office of the principal prior  
7 to the date of use. Prior to the use of school facilities by any organized community or  
8 civic club, proof of liability insurance must be presented;
- 9 2. Student clubs and activities, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations  
10 affiliated with the schools shall be permitted use of school facilities without charge;
- 11 3. School facilities may not be used for private profit, except that unused facilities may be  
12 leased for private day-care centers which provide educational and child care services to  
13 the community;<sup>2</sup>
- 14 4. All activities must be under competent adult supervision and approved by the building  
15 principal. In all cases, the principal or a designee will be present. The group using the  
16 facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment. Groups that  
17 use school facilities must leave the facilities clean and arranged as they found them;
- 18 5. Groups receiving permission for building use are restricted to the dates and hours  
19 approved and to the building area and facilities specified, unless requested changes are  
20 approved by the principal;
- 21 6. Groups receiving permission for building use are responsible for the observance of all  
22 fire and safety regulations at all times;
- 23 7. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco, profane language, or gambling in any  
24 form is not permitted in school buildings;
- 25 8. The Board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the Red Cross, National  
26 Guard and Civil Defense, and will make suitable facilities available without charge  
27 during community emergencies;
- 28 9. When school kitchens are used, a member(s) of the cafeteria staff must be present to  
29 supervise the use of the equipment; and
- 30 10. The Board will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for the use of school  
31 facilities by community or civic organizations and other non-profit, recreational,  
32 religious, political or philosophical groups.

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Legal References:

<sup>1</sup> TCA 49-50-201

<sup>2</sup> TCA 49-2-203(b)(4)

<sup>3</sup> *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District*,  
113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993)

Cross References:

1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools

6.311 Care of School Property