

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Section: Board and Community
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Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, along with the Ministry of Education, has a vision for schools as the centres of their communities, where all people have a place to come together, to volunteer, build skills, access programs, become physically active and develop strong and healthy communities.

It is the policy of the Board to make school facilities available and accessible to community users to the fullest extent possible within established regulations, having due regard for:

- preservation of the educational program of the school,
- the protection and maintenance of school property,
- budgetary considerations, and
- the values and beliefs of Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

The board recognizes the interdependence of public bodies and will co-operate wherever possible with the provision of facilities, while acknowledging that providing educational programs to students is the prime objective of the board. The board may enter into joint use agreements, for example with local municipal recreation departments, community organizations or shared space contracts and leases with child care partners for the use of specified school facilities. In such cases the rates established will supersede those specified for the Community Use of Schools.

School board facilities will be made available to a variety of groups, according to the subsidy and fee schedule outlined on the school board website. Priority will be given to not-for-profit organizations that benefit the board's students.

The board will co-operate with all levels of government in the use of board facilities for elections. Wherever possible, principals are required to rearrange existing programs to

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