



WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Use Frequently Asked Questions

Can we use the school district facilities?

Yes. The public may reserve the Washougal School District facilities depending upon availability. First and foremost, our facilities are used to support the education of our K-12 students. Our policies are designed to give these K-12 programs first priority.

Arrangements to use facilities must be made through the Washougal Community Education office. To find out availability, check facility calendars on the website: <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/districtinfo/calendars.htm> or contact the Community Education office at 360-954-3838.

Do my tax dollars pay for facility use?

Tax dollars fund the use of facilities for district K-12 educational programs. Facility use fees ensure that the facilities are returned to their original state and are ready for student use.

How much will it cost to use a facility?

Fees help to cover the costs of utilities, additional wear and tear to facilities, and the Community Education Coordinator responsible for facility use scheduling. The district does not make a profit from facility use fees.

A three-tiered fee schedule is used that reflects profit versus non-profit status and group demographics. Fees vary depending on the group status and the facility being reserved. A price break is given to nonprofit groups that include at least 80% Washougal citizens. The fee schedule is available on the district website:

www.washougal.k12.wa.us

The Washougal School District fee structure is similar to other school districts in the region and reflects the cost of facility use expenses. The school board reviews the schedule every few years and makes adjustments as necessary.

Can I use the facilities for free since my program benefits Washougal students?

The district receives many requests from a wide variety of youth and adult programs including churches, families and other groups that support the district and children. In order to assure fair treatment for all patrons, policies and a fee structure have been adopted for all users. The fee structure includes the consideration of non-profit groups. Staff is required to adhere to the policies and the fee structure when scheduling community facility use.

Why do we need to have a supervisor/monitor instead of just issuing keys to the person using the facility?

The district policy requires that a staff member is present to monitor facility use to ensure that safety regulations and rules of use are followed. The district has a risk management responsibility to see that a facility is used properly, safely and in accordance with district policies and procedures.

Do I need to clean up after I use a facility?

Yes. The expectation for users of district facilities is that the classroom, library, gym or other facility is left exactly as it was found and ready for student use the next school day.

What hours are the facilities available?

The hours of facility use availability vary by location. Contact the Washougal Community Education office at 360-954-3838 for specific times.

What if I have a facility reserved and schools are closed due to inclement weather?

Washougal School District cancels facility use when schools are closed due to inclement weather and user fees are refunded.

Is the stadium available for daily community use?

No, however, the stadium and field are available to rent. The Washougal School District recently installed new turf at Fishback Stadium that required a significant investment of district and community funds. The district has an obligation to manage this investment for maximum longevity. The stadium is used during the day and many evenings for K-12 district programs.

Can I walk my dog at Fishback Stadium?

No. Dogs are not allowed on school property including Fishback Stadium. In particular, animal waste creates bacteria on the turf field, which is more like a carpet than grass. The district maintains the field for use by physical education classes and sports programs.

Can my children ride their bikes or scooters on the track?

No. Bikes and scooters are not allowed on the track. The district recently refurbished the track and repainted the striping. In order to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, usage is limited to school programs for K-12 students.
