

Community Use of District Facilities

[Board policy 4333](#) Non School Use of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment provides the policy-level framework for community use of district facilities. “The board encourages life-long learning for all citizens and will extend opportunities to the community to use district facilities through a variety of programs that contribute to the achievement of the district's goals and objectives. The public investment in school facilities and the general welfare of the community provide strong justification for the use of school buildings and grounds by community groups for cultural, civic, and recreational purposes.” The focus of the Community Services Department is to maximize community use of district facilities while recognizing its first priority is to support the district's educational and athletic programs.

Department Responsibilities

The Community Services Department manages year-round community use of all district buildings and athletic facilities, excluding Memorial Stadium and Lincoln Field, which are managed by the Athletics Department. Types of facilities used by community groups include libraries, cafeterias, kitchens, stages, gymnasiums, locker rooms, fields, parking lots, the Everett Civic Auditorium, and conference rooms at the Community Resource Center. A high level of coordination between Community Services staff, building managers, IT and auditorium technicians, and custodial and grounds staff is essential for effectively managing community use of facilities, which occurs primarily outside of regular school/business hours.

Facility Users

Presently, Community Services supports 845 community organizations, including in-district, nonprofit youth groups such as Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, YMCA, and various recreational and youth sports leagues. In addition, district facilities are also used for driver's education, SAT testing, churches, homeowner's association meetings, performing arts, and parks and recreation adult sports leagues. Government agencies also host events at the Community Resource Center.

