

Williamson County Board of Education

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1 School district facilities, buildings, equipment or property have been constructed or acquired to
2 house or enhance the educational program of Williamson County Schools. The District may,
3 however, allow use of these publicly-funded properties by residents of Williamson County or
4 organizations with their primary business in Williamson County who otherwise qualify for use of a
5 school facility under the terms of this policy unless otherwise provided herein. Such use shall not
6 interfere with the regular educational program of the school system. While the district does not
7 seek to realize a profit from the rental of school properties, it does reserve the right to bill any
8 facility user for basic operational and extra services beyond these costs. Therefore, a rental fee for
9 use of various school facilities subject to the provisions in this policy and/or other rules and
10 regulations (e.g. a written contract) may be required.
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13 **1. Williamson County Schools**

14 The use of facilities by Williamson County Schools shall take priority over all others and will
15 be allowed without rental fees. The organizations include but are not limited to the
16 following:

- 17 a. Student Organizations
- 18 b. PTO's
- 19 c. School Booster Clubs
- 20 d. Approved school-funded tutoring by Williamson County employees
- 21 e. For-profit / non-profit businesses as designated by Williamson County Schools
22 which enhance the education or recreation of the students or staff when invited by
23 the school to perform an activity and be compensated as "Other Contracted
24 Services"
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27 **2. Other Governmental Agencies**

28 Use of facilities may be granted to governmental agencies without rental fees such as those
29 listed:

- 30 a. Williamson County Parks & Recreation Department
- 31 b. Other Williamson County Governmental Agencies
- 32 c. Local City / Community Governmental Agencies
- 33 d. State and Federal Agencies
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36 **3. Public, Cultural, Community-Oriented Organizations**

37 Use of facilities may be granted, with rental fee, for purposes which shall include but are not
38 limited to the following:

- 39 a. Community non-profit programs
- 40 b. Non-profit cultural programs (e.g., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.)
- 41 c. Colleges, universities, community colleges, and area schools of applied technology
- 42 d. Non-partisan political forums
- 43 e. Non-profit extended daycare programs as approved by the Board
- 44 f. Non-profit theater, dance and/or musical productions
- 45 g. Community non-profit charitable fundraising programs sponsored by
46 service organizations
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- 1 h. Recitals and competitions that showcase student talent and achievement
- 2 (Maximum of two events per organization per calendar year)
- 3 i. Religious, non-partisan political or philosophical groups
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- 6 4. Private Business / For Profit Entities / Personal Use
- 7 No facility, building, equipment or property of the Williamson County School District shall be
- 8 available for private or for-profit use, except as permitted above. Notwithstanding the
- 9 above, individuals may use non-secured exterior facilities outside of school hours for
- 10 personal use unless otherwise posted.
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- 12 5. Lease of Facilities
- 13 The Board leases buildings and property or the portions of buildings and property it
- 14 determines are not being used or are not needed at present by Williamson County Schools.
- 15 a. Beginning with any new lease or lease renewal after September 1, 2007, lessees
- 16 shall not have access to any classroom which is in use as a classroom.
- 17 b. Williamson County Schools may terminate a lease at any time by giving written
- 18 notice to the Lessee at least 90 days prior to the date when such termination
- 19 becomes effective.
- 20 c. The Board shall approve and review fee schedules annually.
- 21 d. Beginning with any new lease or lease renewal after September 1, 2007, an
- 22 organization or entity may request to lease a Williamson County Schools facility for
- 23 up to one year with no more than five (5) renewals.
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- 26 6. Lease of a WCS facility does not include the use of other equipment or resources that may
- 27 be present in the facility during the time of its use unless expressly provided for in the
- 28 procedures outlined in the lease agreement.
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- 31 7. All uses and/or leases of facilities shall be subject to this and all other Board policies.
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Legal References:

43 TCA 49-50-201
44 TCA 49-2-203(b)(4)
45 Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District
46 113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993)

Cross Reference:

1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools
3.216 Athletic Facilities
5.608 Academic, Athletic or Arts-Related
Tutoring or Private Instruction for Pay

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