

COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES / JOINT USE

Background

School jurisdictions and municipalities can more effectively and efficiently serve the public interest by cooperatively utilizing community and school facilities.

The Division supports joint use of municipal and school facilities.

Guidelines

1. The Division and municipalities will enter into, and periodically update, joint use agreements that outline the terms of reference for school use of municipal facilities and community use of school facilities.
2. Use of school facilities by community groups must be scheduled in a manner that does not negatively affect the school's curricular or extra-curricular programming.
3. Joint use committees comprised of elected representatives from the Board and the respective municipality along with representatives from both administrations will serve as the primary body for monitoring the joint use arrangement and recommending any modifications to the Board or council.

Procedures

1. The joint use committees will meet at least once a year to review the agreement and related procedures and address emerging issues and concerns. Additional ad hoc meetings may be held as required.
2. The Superintendent and trustee representatives are responsible for reporting to the Board the results of joint use committee meetings and recommending action as required.

Reference: Section 189, *Education Act*