

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND</b>	
<b>FACILITIES AND GROUNDS</b>	<b>SECTION 203</b>	
<b>203.1 Use of School Facilities and Grounds</b> <b>203.2 Limitations on Use</b> <b>203.3 Charges for the Use of School Facilities</b> <b>203.4 Events Held Off School Property</b>	<b>Adopted:</b> <u>11/12/03</u> <b>Reviewed:</b> <u>5/9/07</u> <b>Approved:</b> <u>5/9/07</u>	

**203.1 Use of School Facilities and Grounds**

The board recognizes that school system facilities are a valuable community asset and supports the public’s use of system facilities and grounds when they are not being used for school purposes, provided such use is not contrary to the mission of the school system.

The establishment of school community programs for nonprofit cultural, educational, and recreational purposes, unless otherwise stipulated by law, is encouraged. Recognizing, as well, that the development and operation of such programs is not the sole responsibility of the board, staff is directed to explore establishing cooperative arrangements with other appropriate agencies by which community-school programs may be offered.

The board has established practices governing the use of school facilities by non-school groups. Principals are to coordinate the application for use of school facilities in accordance with FCPS Regulations 100-1 – “Rental of School Facilities” and 100-5 “Auxiliary Custodians.”

**203.2 Limitations on Use**

A. Gambling

Gambling and games of chance, such as bingo, where cash prizes or prizes of significant value are awarded are prohibited on school grounds. Raffles (a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing, only as authorized by law) and 50/50 drawings conducted by PTA’s, alumni associations, and booster groups are permitted with approval of the principal. Students are prohibited from selling or distributing 50/50 or raffle tickets.

B. Selected Facilities

Because of the special purpose design of the Rock Creek School, Career and Technology Center, the Heather Ridge School, and future special purpose schools and the equipment located in those facilities, after-hour use of those facilities shall be limited to school-related groups or community groups directly related to the facility. Related community groups using the Rock Creek School will include only

groups comprising or serving individuals with disabilities. Those using the Career and Technology Center will include only the Frederick Community College and organizations with compatible uses.

### **203.3 Charges for the Use of School Facilities**

Any group or individuals using school facilities must pay an amount at least sufficient to cover the additional cost of such use to the school system. The superintendent shall maintain a current schedule of fees, subject to approval by the board.

The board may approve exceptions for special facilities consistent with the mission of the school system.

### **203.4 Events Held Off School Property**

The board affirms its policy that school functions should be held on school property whenever possible. However, the board authorizes school principals to make exceptions to the policy upon the request of a school group if the principal determines that the group will have proper adult chaperones and guidance.