

**Chapter 132Q-136 WAC
USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES**

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WAC 132Q-136-010 Use of district facilities—General policy and delegation. (1) Washington State Community College District 17 (Spokane Colleges) is an educational institution provided and maintained by the people of the state in order to carry out its mission pursuant to chapter 28B.50 RCW. The purpose of this policy is to assure that all facilities operated, owned or maintained by the district are reserved primarily for those activities which either are related directly to the district's mission or are otherwise justifiable on the basis of their contributions to the cultural, educational, economic or recreational interests of the state and its people.

(2) The board of trustees delegates to the chancellor, or staff so designated by the chancellor, the authority to establish procedures for the regulation and review of the use of district facilities and to establish user fees where appropriate.

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WAC 132Q-136-020 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

(1) "Facilities" shall include all structures, building, grounds, parking lots, sidewalks and airspace owned or controlled by District 17.

(2) "District" or "District 17" shall include Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, and any other college or organizational unit of Washington State Community College District 17 hereafter established by the district board of trustees.

(3) "Use of facilities" shall include the holding of events, the posting and removal of signs, all forms of advertising, commercial activities, charitable solicitation and any other activity which takes place in or on facilities owned or controlled by District 17.

(4) "Scheduling office" shall be the office within the organization of the district which is designated as the office responsible for scheduling a particular district facility. The designation of scheduling offices shall be made by the chancellor, or staff so designated by the chancellor, pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-010(2).

(5) "User fee" shall be the fee, if any, charged any user for the use of facilities, including a use fee, fees for special custodial, attendant or security services, fees for supervisor services, fees for the use of special district equipment in conjunction with the use of facilities and any other fees established pursuant to WAC

132Q-136-010(2). The schedule of user fees may be amended from time to time.

(6) "Academic or administrative unit sponsorship" shall mean that the head of an academic or administrative unit within the district has reviewed a request for use of facilities, has determined that such use of facilities meets the general policy concerning the use of district facilities pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-010(1) and all limitations on the use of facilities pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-040, has determined that the academic or administrative unit is willing to sponsor the proposed use of facilities and has signed the appropriate request form.

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WAC 132Q-136-030 Users. (1) College personnel, and official student organizations of Washington State Community College District 17 may use district facilities to hold events for college personnel and students provided such use complies with the general policy on the use of district facilities pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-010 and that all events are scheduled pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-050. Such use does not require either academic or administrative unit sponsorship nor does such use require approval by the chancellor or other designated staff.

(2) College personnel and official student organizations may use district facilities to hold events to which the general public is invited when the event has academic or administrative unit sponsorship and the approval of the chancellor or other designated staff.

(3) Organizations or persons other than district personnel or official student organizations may use district facilities to hold events for members of that organization provided such use complies with the general policy of the use of district facilities. Such use does not require either academic or administrative unit sponsorship, but does require the approval of the chancellor or designee.

(4) Organizations or persons other than district personnel or official student organizations may use district facilities to hold events to which the general public is invited when the event has academic or administrative unit sponsorship and the approval of the chancellor or designee.

(5) Use of facilities for religious purposes is permitted on the same basis as for nonreligious purposes as long as use for religious purposes does not dominate access to facilities pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-040.

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WAC 132Q-136-040 Limitations. (1) District facilities of Washington State Community College District 17 may not be used in ways that substantially obstruct or disrupt educational activities or freedom of movement or other lawful activities on or in district facilities.

(2) District facilities may not be used by groups, including informal groups, which discriminate in their membership or limit participation in activities on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability.

(3) College personnel or official student organizations may use district facilities to present educational forums regarding ballot propositions and/or candidates who have filed for public office as long as the audience is limited to college personnel and students. However, pursuant to RCW 42.17.130 "the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition" is prohibited.

(4) District facilities may not be used for private or commercial purposes such as sales, advertising, or promotional activities unless such activities are in conjunction with authorized use of facilities by outside groups, fund raising activities directly benefiting the district, or activities fulfilling an educational or service need of the students or college personnel. The sale of any item, the use of any advertising material, or operation of any promotional activity is subject to prior approval of the chancellor or designee.

(5) The distribution of handbills, leaflets, pamphlets and similar materials is not permitted in or on those facilities to which access by the general public is restricted or where such distribution would significantly impinge upon the primary business being conducted.

(6) Charitable solicitation is not permitted in or on those facilities to which access by the general public is restricted or where such solicitation would significantly impinge upon the primary business being conducted.

(7) District facilities may be used by other public or private educational institutions or public agencies only insofar as the intended use of the facilities meets a community need not being fulfilled by District 17 and where such activities do not interfere with the educational programs being offered by District 17 or with the maintenance and repair programs of the district. A user fee, if any, for such use shall be determined by the chancellor or designee.

(8) Organizations or persons other than district personnel or official student organizations may use district facilities only after the procedures pursuant to WAC 132Q-136-050 are completed and appropriate user fees have been paid in full or satisfactory payment arrangements completed.

(9) District 17 reserves the right to require that the district be represented at any use of facilities where the presence of a representative is in the best interest of the district.

(10) District equipment shall be used only when authorized and shall not be removed from any facility unless written authorization for such removal has been obtained prior to use.

(11) No decorations or other application of material to walls, ceiling or floors of any facility shall be permitted if such application will in any way mar, deface or injure the facility. Users shall be responsible for the removal or disposal of any decorations, materials, equipment, furnishings or rubbish that remain in or on any facility following use of the facility. Failure of any user to meet this obligation that results in additional cost to the district shall subject the user to additional charges for such costs.

(12) College property may not be used for camping, defined to include sleeping, carrying on cooking activities, storing personal belongings, or the erection of tents or other shelters or structures used for purposes of personal habitation.

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WAC 132Q-136-050 Reservation, scheduling and approval procedure.

(1) To reserve or schedule the use of facilities, faculty, staff, official student organizations or outside parties shall contact the appropriate college scheduling office. The scheduling office shall provide all appropriate scheduling procedures, forms and agreements and shall arrange for all necessary approvals, reservations, scheduling and payments.

(2) No less than fourteen days prior to the anticipated date for use of district facilities, any individual or organization desiring to reserve or schedule facility use shall present all required forms, fully completed, to the appropriate scheduling office. The scheduling office shall process the completed application and secure all required approvals. The individual or organization requesting the use of facilities shall be notified of the disposition of the request within ten days. Such fourteen day notice may be waived by the scheduling office provided that such waiver does not disrupt normal facility operation.

(3) Full payment of the appropriate user fee, if any, or satisfactory payment arrangements are required prior to the use of district facilities.

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WAC 132Q-136-060 Safety and liability. (1) It is the responsibility of any person or organization requesting the use of district facilities to ensure that the proposed use will be carried out in a manner that assures the safety of all persons concerned. Compliance with applicable fire, health and safety regulations is required.

(2) Authorization to organizations or persons other than district faculty, staff, or official student organizations for the use of district facilities is granted with the express understanding and condition that such organization or person assumes full responsibility for any loss, damage or claims arising out of such use. When the event involves physical activity, or otherwise would increase the risk of bodily injury above the level inherent in the facilities to be used, proof of appropriate liability insurance coverage with limits of at least one million dollars per occurrence shall be provided to the chancellor or designee.

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