

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ARTICLE VI: USB

1. Consistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Anti-Aid Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the School Committee shall allow the public to use school property subject to such reasonable time, place and manner regulations as the School Committee may establish provided such use does not interfere with the use of school property for school purposes and provided that such does not endanger the health, safety and welfare of the public; and does not exclude from participation, deny the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability or any other category protected by state or federal law; and does not otherwise violate anti-discrimination, harassment and retaliation state and federal law and regulations or the Newton Public Schools Non-Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy, and all other relevant School Committee policies.
2. Preference will be given to organizations connected with the schools or composed of pupils in the schools or of school age.
3. Subject to these Rules and Regulations, permission to use accommodations in school buildings for other purposes than the regular work of the school, may be granted in behalf of the Committee by the Superintendent, except that the Superintendent shall refer to the Committee at its next meetings those requests which, in his judgment, should be acted on by the Committee. The Superintendent shall report at the next meeting of the School Committee those requests which have been granted or denied by him.
4. Permits for public or private functions shall be granted only for those purposes set out in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Sec. 71 and which are deemed to be in the interest of the community.
5. When school buildings are used for meetings of Newton teachers, pupils or other persons connected with schools and are held on regular school days, there shall be no charge for light, heat, or custodial service and the custodian shall not be allowed any compensation on account of such occupancy, except that when such meetings are held in the evening, or not on a regular school day, there shall be an approved charge for custodial service if such service is necessary. The cost of such service for five regular evening meetings of each local Parent-Teacher Organization shall be borne by the Newton Public Schools.
6. Charges may be abated when, in the judgment of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the purpose is of such significance as to warrant such abatement. In such cases, the expenses of the necessary custodial service shall be borne by NPS.
7. When school property is used other than for school purposes, the School Committee shall be paid for such use at a rate set by the School Committee.
8. Smoking in school buildings and on school grounds is prohibited.
9. Consistent with current Massachusetts law Chapter 272, sec. 40a, neither the sale nor the use of alcoholic beverages is permitted in school buildings or on school grounds. The law permits the School Committee to grant permission to public or non-profit organizations to possess and sell alcoholic beverages in a school building during non-school hours provided the organization is properly licensed under the provisions of M.G.L.c 138, sec.14. Please see Section 9 of the School Committee's USB policies which can be found at the following link: <http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/USB%20policy.pdf>.
10. At all meetings attended exclusively or in part by pupils of the schools under jurisdiction of the Committee, the principal of the school shall be responsible for the preservation of good order, and shall remain in charge until all the pupils have left the building.