

POLICY
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PLAYGROUND AND TRACK USE BY THE COMMUNITY

Purpose

RI School for the Deaf wishes to assure local community access to and use of school outdoor facilities during non-school hours while, at the same time, protecting the grounds, playground and track from inappropriate or disruptive use.

Implementation

Access to the school's playgrounds and walking track is available for local community use when school is not in session according to the following guidelines:

1. All uses shall be confined to those activities that would normally be carried out on a playground area.
2. All activities shall be conducted in an orderly manner and shall not create a nuisance or disruption to our neighbors.
3. All uses must be conducted with school and state policies in mind, such as but not limited to:
 - a. No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal substances on school property
 - b. No firearms or fireworks on school property
 - c. No use of foul, abusive, or inappropriate language at any time
 - d. Damages to school property must be assumed by the user or responsible adult with the group.
 - e. The group using the grounds must control its participants.
 - f. The group using the playground must clean up after itself. Barrels are available near the outdoor track for trash and debris.
 - g. No bicycles and no dogs are permitted on the track area at any time.
4. Access is available to school grounds on days school is in session from an hour after school is dismissed to sunset. School is usually dismissed by 3:15 pm, although team practice may still be in process. If school teams are using the track, it is closed to the public until practice concludes for the day.
5. The soccer field must be reserved in advance by any group larger than 6 people. Groups with approval have all rights to the field and track during reserved times. Other must leave.
6. Access on days when school is not in session is 8 AM until sunset. The gate is closed to cars on weekends and after 8 PM, but individuals may walk down and use the track and playgrounds even when the gate is closed.