

WAIS Document Retrieval CALIFORNIA CODES
EDUCATION CODE
SECTION 38130-38139

38130. This article shall be known and may be cited as the Civic Center Act.

38131. (a) There is a civic center at each and every public school facility and grounds within the state where the citizens, parent teacher associations, Camp Fire girls, Boy Scout troops, veterans' organizations, farmers' organizations, school-community advisory councils, senior citizens' organizations, clubs, and associations formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts may engage in supervised recreational activities, and where they may meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions that in their judgment pertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside. For purposes of this section, "veterans' organizations" are those groups included within the definition of that term as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1800 of the Military and Veterans Code.

(b) The governing board of any school district may grant the use of school facilities or grounds as a civic center upon the terms and conditions the board deems proper, subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article, for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings.
- (2) The discussion of matters of general or public interest.
- (3) The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization that has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of the services, provided the governing board charges the church or religious organization using the school facilities or grounds a fee as specified in subdivision (d) of Section 38134.
- (4) Child care or day care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary schoolage.
- (5) The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies.
- (6) Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited

to, sports league activities for youths that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination.

(7) A community youth center.

(8) A ceremony, patriotic celebration, or related educational assembly conducted by a veterans' organization.

(9) Other purposes deemed appropriate by the governing board.

38133. The management, direction, and control of school facilities under this article are vested in the governing board of the school district which shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to provide, at a minimum, for the following:

(a) Aid, assistance, and encouragement to any of the activities authorized in Sections 38131 and 38132.

(b) Preservation of order in school facilities and on school grounds, and protection of school facilities and school grounds, including, if the governing board deems necessary, appointment of a person who shall have charge of the school facilities and grounds for purposes of their preservation and protection.

(c) That the use of school facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with the use of the school facilities or grounds for school purposes or interferes with the regular conduct of schoolwork.

38134. (a) The governing board of any school district shall authorize the use of any school facilities or grounds under its control, when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations, and clubs or associations organized to promote youth and school activities, including, but not limited to:

(1) Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Inc.

(2) Parent-teachers' associations.

(3) School-community advisory councils.

This subdivision shall not apply to any group that uses school facilities or grounds for fundraising activities that are not beneficial to youth or public school activities of the district, as determined by the governing board.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the governing board may charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs for use of its school facilities. Each governing board that decides to levy these charges shall first adopt a policy specifying which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs.

(c) The governing board of any school district may charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs for use of its school facilities by any entity, including a religious organization or church, that arranges for and supervises sports league activities for youths as described in paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 38131.

(d) The governing board of any school district that authorizes the use of school facilities or grounds for the purpose specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 38131 shall charge the church or religious denomination an amount at least equal to the district's direct costs.

(e) In the case of entertainments or meetings where admission fees are charged or contributions are solicited and the net receipts are not expended for the welfare of the pupils of the district or for charitable purposes, a charge shall be levied for the use of school facilities or grounds which charge shall be equal to fair rental value.

(f) If any group activity results in the destruction of school property, the group may be charged for an amount necessary to repay the damages, and further use of facilities may be denied.

(g) As used in this section, "direct costs" to the district for the use of school facilities or grounds means those costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other district employees, and salaries paid school district employees necessitated by the organization's use of the school facilities and grounds of the district.

(h) As used in this section, "fair rental value" means the direct costs to the district, plus the amortized costs of the school facilities or grounds used for the duration of the activity authorized.

(i) Any school district authorizing the use of school facilities or grounds under subdivision (a) shall be liable for any injuries resulting from the negligence of the district in the ownership and maintenance of those facilities or grounds. Any group using school facilities or grounds under subdivision (a) shall be liable for any injuries resulting from the negligence of that group during the use of those facilities or grounds. The district and the group shall each bear the cost of insuring against its respective risks and shall each bear the costs of defending itself against claims arising from those risks. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this subdivision shall not be waived. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to limit or affect the immunity or liability of a school district under Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code, for injuries caused by a dangerous condition of public property.

38135. Any use, by any individual, society, group, or organization for the commission of any act intended to further any program or movement the purpose of which is to accomplish the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the state by force, violence, or other unlawful means shall not be permitted or suffered.

Any individual, society, group, or organization which commits any act intended to further any program or movement the purpose of which is to accomplish the overthrow of the government by force, violence, or other unlawful means while using school property pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

38136. No governing board of a school district shall grant the use of any school property to any person or organization for any use in violation of Section 38135.

For the purpose of determining whether or not any individual, society, group, or organization applying for the use of the school property intends to violate Section 38135, the governing board shall require the making and delivery to the governing board, by the applicant of a written statement of information in the following form:

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

The undersigned states that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the school property for use of which application is hereby made will not be used for the commission of any act intended to further any program or movement the purpose of which is to accomplish the overthrow of the government of the United States by force, violence or other unlawful means;

That _____, the organization on whose behalf he or she is making application for use of school property, does not, to the best of his or her knowledge, advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the State of California by force, violence, or other unlawful means, and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, it is not a Communist action organization or Communist front organization required by law to be registered with the Attorney General of the United States. This statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

(Signature)

The school board may require the furnishing of additional information as it deems necessary to make the determination that the use of school property for which application is made would not violate Section 38135.

Any person applying for the use of school property on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall be a member of the applicant group and, unless he or she is an officer of the group, must present written authorization from the applicant group to make the application.

The governing board of any school district may, in its discretion, consider any statement of information or written authorization made pursuant to the requirements of this section as being continuing in effect for the purposes of this section for the period of one year from the date of the statement of information or written authorization.

38137. Written statements of information as required by Section 38136 need not be under oath, but shall contain a written declaration that they are made under the penalty of perjury, and any person so signing the statements who willfully states therein as true any material matter which he or she knows to be false, is subject to the penalties prescribed for perjury in the Penal Code.

38138. Notwithstanding the provisions of this article or any other provisions of law, when a nonpartisan charitable organization organized under the laws of this state has constructed or will construct, subject to the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 39140) of Chapter 2 of this part, a school athletic and youth center facility at no cost to a school district, upon a school-district-owned site to be owned by and for the benefit of the school occupying the site, the governing board of the school district, in accepting the donation and prescribing the conditions and restrictions with respect thereto, may permit the general use of the facility under the provisions of this article for specified supervised recreational activities which are sponsored by or conducted by the donor organization, and may also permit the donor organization to use the facility for this purpose at times when the facility is not being used by the school district for the educational program and related school activities of the designated beneficiary school, unless the use and occupancy of the facility by the donor organization would otherwise interfere with the regular conduct of the school. Any use granted to the donor organization

shall, however, immediately and forever terminate if the donor organization denies the use of the facility to any person because of their race, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, or sex.

This section shall apply only to elementary school districts in San Diego County which had an average daily attendance of 425 or less during the 1970-71 school year, and which, during the 1970-71 school year, had a modified assessed valuation per pupil in average daily attendance of between forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

38139. (a) Public primary schools shall post at an appropriate area restricted to adults information regarding missing children provided by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 14208 of the Penal Code.

(b) Public secondary schools shall post at an appropriate area information regarding missing children provided by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 14208 of the Penal Code.