

Each of the three MiraCosta College sites has areas designated for use as a civic center. The district, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to determine which spaces may be designated as applicable to being a civic center. Use of the civic center shall be granted as provided by law. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures regarding the use of district property, including but not limited to facilities, equipment and supplies, and support services by community groups and other outside contractors. Specific rules apply to specialty district civic center spaces (e.g. performance space, gymnasium, athletic fields, etc.) in which required procedures will need to be followed.

The administrative procedures shall reflect the requirements of applicable law, including Education Code §82537, regarding civic centers. The procedures shall include reasonable rules regarding the time, place, and manner of use of district facilities. They shall assure that persons or organizations using district property are charged such fees as are authorized by law. Public use of District property shall not interfere with scheduled instructional programs or other activities of the District on behalf of students.

At its sole discretion, the district may permit, without charging a usage fee or charge to reimburse the district for operational costs related to the event, the use of any district facilities or grounds under its control when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations and clubs and associations organized for general character building or welfare purposes, as stated under Education Code §82542 (a). Waiving the reimbursement of any direct operational costs incurred by a nonprofit organization requires the written approval of the superintendent/president or the vice president, administrative services.

Public use of district property shall not be granted if it interferes with scheduled instructional programs, events, performances, rehearsals, college assemblies, or other activities of the district on behalf of students.

No group or organization may use district property for purposes that unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, military or veteran status, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, or the perception that a person has one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because a person associate with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, or on any basis prohibited by law.

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Use of the District's Civic Centers will be only for the purposes described by the California Legislature in Education Code Section 82537(a). These purposes include use by associations "formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts" in order to "engage in supervised recreational activities" or "meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions which in their judgment appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside." (Education Code Section 82537(a)) In granting permission to use the Civic Centers, the District will not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint with regard to organizations engaging in expressive activities on the topics and subject matters articulated above.

See Administrative Procedure 6700.