

Use of School Board Property by Licensed Child Care Providers Policy 2280

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The Board of Education, as per School Act Section 85.1, promotes licensed child care providers the use of vacant school facilities and space within temporary portables or modular facilities.

Guidelines:

1. Definitions as per Section 85.1 of the School Act:

"Board property" – Board owned land or improvements in the Board's school district that are or have been used, or are intended for use, for educational activities.

"care program" – this term has the same meaning as in the Child Care Licensing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 332/2007.

"licensed child care provider" – a person who is licensed under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act to provide one or more of the following care programs:

- a. Group Child Care (under 36 months), being a program that provides care to children who are younger than 36 months old;
 - b. Group Child Care (30 months to school age), being a program that provides care to preschool children;
 - c. Preschool (30 months to school age), being a program that provides care to preschool children who are at least:
 - i. 30 months old on entrance to the program, and
 - ii. 36 months old by December 31 of the year of entrance;
 - d. Group Child Care (School Age), being a program that provides, before or after school hours or during periods of school closure, care to children who attend school, including kindergarten;
 - e. Occasional Child Care, being a program that provides, on an occasional or short-term basis, care to preschool children who are at least 18 months old;
 - f. Multi-Age Child Care, being a program that provides, within each group, care to children of various ages.
2. The use of Board property by licensed child care providers must not disrupt or otherwise interfere with the provision of educational activities including early learning programs and extracurricular school activities.
3. The Board takes no responsibility that the facility offered for use by licensed child care providers meets all regulatory requirements of licensed child care facilities. The licensed child care providers are responsible for ensuring that they comply with such requirements associated with operating a licensed child care facility. All costs associated with meeting those requirements will be borne by the licensed child care provider.

4. Revenue obtained by the Board from the use of Board property by licensed child care providers will not be more than the direct and indirect costs incurred and to be incurred by the Board as a result of making that use available. Direct and indirect costs include: utilities; maintenance and repair; and a reasonable allowance for time school district administrators and other staff spend on matters relating to the use of Board property by licensed child care providers.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for advising the Board of an appropriate rental rate on a cost recovery basis.
6. Opportunities for proposals to occupy available school district space will be advertised in the local newspaper.
7. Licensed child care providers must sign a rental license agreement which will specify license rates as well as terms and conditions for the use of Board property.