

OPEN COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL RECREATIONAL AREAS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for open community use of school recreational areas.

The board believes one strategy to address issues of physical inactivity and obesity in the state is allowing the community the use of outside recreation spaces. In communities where parks and land space are limited, outside recreation areas on school property can offer opportunities for physical activity and recreation for children and families. Schools can offer a variety of safe, clean facilities including running tracks, playgrounds and outdoor courts and fields.

As a service to the community, the board will open up outdoor areas to the community as follows.

- The board will provide public school recreational areas through the use of taxpayers' funds collected for educational purposes.
- The community will be entitled to access the recreational areas during daylight hours when the school or school-related organizations are not using such areas.

The board defines open recreational areas to mean the designated tracks, playgrounds, courts and fields. The following specific areas are identified as recreational areas open to the community : Latta High School Track and Latta Elementary School Nature Trail.

Use of recreational areas by the schools and by school-related organizations takes precedence over all other uses.

All use of school property will be in accordance with federal, state and local laws. All applicable district rules, regulations and policies will be enforced while community members are utilizing the recreational areas.

The district is not liable for any personal injury resulting from the use of the open recreational areas. Furthermore, as the district is not responsible for the security or supervision of any public property permitted to be used as open areas for recreational purposes, the district is not liable for any property damage or loss incurred while using the recreational areas.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws 1976, as amended:
 1. Section 59-78-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Tort Claims Act.