

Building usage by outside entities: Is it covered?



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The school district's buildings are **public buildings**.

The **school district's insurance** plan typically covers....

- School-sponsored events (including Community Education events)

Do **non-school groups** use school district facilities?

- Churches
- Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs)
- Non-profit group that has its own governing board (ex: 501(c)3)
- Alumni groups
- Community organizations
- Business / private entities
- Booster clubs
- Sports camps run by outside entities (ex: Junior Olympics, Cal Ripken Baseball...)
- Other?

Does the school district require a **certificate of insurance**?

- Some organizations don't have liability coverage.
- For some, the cost is prohibitive.

Could the school district be **liable** if something goes wrong?

- Yes!
- If the non-school group has no coverage or inadequate coverage, the school district's insurance package coverage could pay!

Examples

#1

A local church rents the school district's gymnasium for a youth group event. One of the events is sumo wrestling, which utilizes suits with protective gear. However, the protective gear is not worn, and one teen hits their head on the cement wall causing head trauma. The local church had insurance, but the policy had inadequate coverage limits.

Result: The school district's insurance policy paid medical bills exceeding \$1M.

#2

A community organization held a fundraising event in the school district's gymnasium and rented an inflatable bouncy house. A child broke their arm in the bouncy house. The community organization did not have insurance coverage for the event.

Result: The school district's insurance policy paid all of the child's medical bills.

#3

The school district has a shelter on their grounds that can be rented through Community Education. A family rented the shelter for a family reunion. The school district requested confirmation of insurance coverage. The family provided a copy of their homeowners' policy; however, the coverage was lower than the required limit.

The school district followed up with the family and their insurance agent. The agent did not understand the statutory requirements, and the policy was unable to meet the required limits.

Result: The family opted to rent a different shelter elsewhere, but they were very unhappy with the school district.



To address these and other unique needs, the **Minnesota School Boards Association Insurance Trust** has partnered with Marsh McLennan and AMBA CampusConnexions to provide a coverage option for non-school groups.

Tenant User Liability Insurance Policy

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