

CALIFORNIA CODES
EDUCATION CODE
SECTION 82537-82548

82537. (a) There is a civic center at each and every community college within the state where the citizens, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scout troops, 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 which in their judgment appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside. Governing boards of the community college districts may authorize the use, by citizens and organizations of any other properties under their control, for supervised recreational activities.

(b) The governing board of any community college district may grant the use of college facilities or grounds for public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings, or for the discussion of matters of general or public interest upon terms and conditions which the board deems proper, and subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article.

(c) No use shall be granted in a manner that constitutes a monopoly for the benefit of any person or organization.

(d) The use of any community college facility and grounds for any meeting is subject to reasonable rules and regulations as the governing board of the district prescribes, and shall not interfere with the use and occupancy of the community college facilities and grounds, as is required for the purposes of the community colleges of the state.

(e) The management, direction, and control of the civic center is vested in the governing board of the community college district.

(f) The governing board of the community college district shall make all needful rules and regulations for conducting the civic meetings and for such recreational activities as are provided for in this chapter and which aid, assist, and lend encouragement to the activities.

82542. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the governing board of any community college district shall grant without charge the use of any college facilities or grounds under its control, pursuant to the requirements of this article, when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations and clubs and associations organized for general character building or welfare purposes, such as:

- (1) Student clubs and organizations.
- (2) Fundraising entertainments or meetings where admission fees charged or contributions solicited are expended for the welfare of the students of the district.
- (3) Parent-teachers' associations.
- (4) School-community advisory councils.
- (5) Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scout troops, and Boy Scout troops.
- (6) Senior citizens' organizations.
- (7) Other public agencies.
- (8) Organizations, clubs, or associations organized for cultural activities and general character building or welfare purposes (such as folk and square dancing).
- (9) Groups organized for the purpose specified in subdivision (g).

(b) The governing board may charge those organizations and activities listed in subdivision (a) an amount not to exceed the following:

(1) The cost of opening and closing the facilities, if no college employees would otherwise be available to perform that function as a part of their normal duties.

(2) The cost of a college employee's presence during the organization's use of the facilities, if the governing board determines that the supervision is needed, and if that employee would not otherwise be present as part of his or her normal duties.

(3) The cost of janitorial services, if the services are necessary, and would not have otherwise been performed as part of the janitor's normal duties.

(4) The cost of utilities directly attributable to the organization's use of the facilities.

(c) The governing board may charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs or not to exceed fair rental value of college facilities and grounds under its control, and pursuant to the requirements of this article, for activities other than those specified in subdivision (a). Each governing board which decides to levy these charges shall first adopt a policy specifying which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs and which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed fair rental value.

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

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

(d) The governing board of any college district which authorizes the use of college facilities or grounds for the purpose specified in subdivision (e) shall charge the church or religious denomination an amount at least equal to the fair rental value of the facilities or grounds.

(e) The governing board of any community college district may grant the use of college facilities or grounds to any church or religious organization for the conduct of religious services for temporary periods where the church or organization has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of these services upon the terms and conditions as the board deems proper, and subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article. The governing board shall charge the church or religious organization using the property for the conduct of religious services a fee as specified in subdivision (d).

(f) In the case of entertainments or meetings where admission fees are charged or contributions are solicited and the net receipts of the admission fees or contributions are not expended for the welfare of the students of the district or for charitable purposes, a charge shall be made for the use of the college facilities, property, and grounds, which charge shall not be less than the fair rental value for the use of the college facilities, property and grounds, as determined by the governing board of the district. The governing board may, however, permit the use, without charge, by organizations, clubs, or associations organized for senior citizens and for cultural activities and general character-building or welfare purposes, when membership dues or contributions solely for the support of the organization, club, or association, or the advancement of its cultural, character-building or welfare work, are accepted.

(g) The governing board of a community college district may grant the use of college facilities, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare, and may cooperate with these agencies in furnishing and maintaining services deemed by the governing board to be necessary to meet the needs of the community.

82544. Lighting, heating, janitor service, and the services of the person when needed, and other necessary expenses, in connection with the use of community college buildings and grounds pursuant to this article, shall be provided for out of the county or special school funds of the respective community college districts in the same manner and by the same authority as similar services are provided for.

82548. The governing board of any community college district may require any person, group, or organization granted the use of community college property pursuant to this article for the purposes of athletic activities to obtain a certificate of insurance from a liability insurance carrier and to submit such certificate to the district for approval prior to using any district property. The certificate shall evidence a minimum coverage of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for any liability for injury or damage to property which may arise out of such use of community college property. The governing board of any community college may require more than such minimum coverage.