1.0 Purpose

1.1 The Nord Country School Governing Board recognizes that as a public charter school, the facilities and grounds of Nord Country School constitute a civic center. It is the intention of the Board that the School makes available the facilities and grounds as set forth in the Civic Center Act of the California Education Code, providing the community usage does not interfere with the School’s educational use.

2.0 Application for and Priority of Uses

2.1 All School-related activities shall be given priority over other uses of facilities and grounds. Civic Center Act usage shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

2.2 Persons applying for the use of school property on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall be a member of the applicant group and, unless he or she is an officer of the group, must present written authorization from the applicant group to make the application.

2.3 Persons applying for the use of school property shall supply an insurance certificate, with Nord Country School named as an additional insured, in an amount not less than $1,000,000.

3.0 Prohibited Uses

3.1 Any use, by any individual, society, group, or organization for the commission of any act intended to further any program or movement the purpose of which is to accomplish the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the state by force, violence, or other unlawful means shall not be permitted or suffered.

3.2 To ensure that an individual, society, group, or organization applying for the use of the school property does not intend to violate section 3.1, the Administrator shall cause the following Statement of Information to be completed and delivered to the school administrator.

3.3 Statement of Information

3.3.1 The undersigned states that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the school property for use of which application is hereby made will not be used for the commission of any act intended to further any overthrow of the government of the United States by force, violence, or other unlawful means.

3.3.2 That _____, the organization on whose behalf he or she is making application for use of school property, does not, to the best of his or her knowledge, advocate the overthrow of the government of
the United States or of the State of California by force, violence, or other unlawful means, and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, it is not a Communist action organization or Communist front organization required by law to be registered with the Attorney General of the United States. This statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

3.3.3 ______________________ (signature)

3.4 The Board, or the Administrator on behalf of the Board, may require the furnishing of additional information as is deemed necessary to ensure that the use of school property for which application is made is appropriate and lawful.

4.0 Fees for Facilities Use

4.1 School facilities or grounds made available to non-profit organizations, and clubs or associations promoting youth and school activities, when not in use by the School and when an alternative location is not available, may be charged an amount not to exceed the direct cost to the School.

4.2 School facilities or grounds made available to religious organizations for the purpose of temporarily conducting services, when not in use by the School and when an alternative location is not available, shall be charged an amount not to exceed the direct costs to the School.

4.3 School facilities or grounds made available for entertainment or meetings where admission fees are charged or contributions are solicited and the net receipts are not expended for the welfare of the pupils of the School or for charitable purposes shall be charged an amount equal to the fair rental value.

4.3.1 The Board grants the Administrator the right to negotiate contract terms and agreements as necessary on its behalf.

4.4 If any group activity results in the destruction of School property, the group may be charged an amount necessary to repay the damages, and further use of facilities may be denied.

4.5 Direct costs, as used in this policy, means those costs for supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other School employees, and salaries paid to School employees to facilitate the organization’s use of the facilities and grounds.

4.6 Fair rental value, as used in this policy, means the direct costs to the School, plus the amortized costs of the School facilities and grounds used for the duration of the activity authorized.

5.0 Adoption and Review

5.1 Originally Adopted: 3/15/2007

5.2 Most Recent Review: 4/26/2023