

Open Gym

The Board recognizes that students may wish to use school facilities for recreational purposes at times when they are not scheduled for other activities. Since the beginning and ending dates of various sports and activities as governed by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, the rules governing the use of Bon Homme District facilities by students are subject to the guidelines set forth by the SDHSAA as well as this policy.

The areas governed by this policy are any and all gymnasiums, playing fields, practice fields, weight rooms, and other facilities owned or leased by the district that may be used for recreational activities.

Facilities may not be scheduled for open activities at any time that causes a conflict with a regularly scheduled activity involving that facility.

Facilities may not be opened for student use without an adult supervisor.

Any time an open or recreational activity is scheduled for students in grades 9-12, the following guidelines must be observed:

1. The purpose of opening facilities to students during off hours shall be for recreation.
2. The opportunity to use the facility may not be limited in any way except that certain times may be reserved for certain age or grade levels. It is recommended that whenever possible the activities be coeducational.
3. An adult must be assigned to open the facility and an adult must be in attendance and supervising at all times during the student use of the activity including clearing, cleaning, and closing the facility at the conclusion of the activity.
4. The person supervising may not coach, teach specific skills relating to a sport or instruct high school students in any sport governed by the South Dakota High School Activities Association that is not in season at the time.
5. School owned equipment such as balls, nets, mats, goals, and standards may be checked out to students by the building principal for use during the open gym during office hours.
6. An effort must be made to communicate the times and days that the facility is open for recreational use to every student enrolled in school through announcements, bulletins, school paper, and local newspaper articles.
7. Participants must furnish their own shoes, shorts, sweat suits, and other articles of clothing to be worn during the session.
8. High school coaches may supervise open gym.
9. All recreational or open gym uses for high school students of any school facility must be scheduled with and approved by the high school principal, regardless of the location of the facility.

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