

Facility Use Policy &

Process for RSchool for Reserving Space

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District Policy

7510 - USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board, as trustees of the public and their interests in the education of their children and the use of properties by them, holds that the philosophy and goals of this school district as developed by the community shall apply in this policy regarding use of school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds. The Board feels the spirit and intent of the educational philosophy shall apply so that no child shall be denied consideration on the basis of his/her race, age, creed, color, or religious beliefs. If the Board feels the spirit and intent of this policy is being abused, they will deny the privilege of the use of district facilities, athletic fields, and grounds. The residents of the district are a total community made up of diverse groups working toward common goals. One of these goals is respect and understanding of individual rights, needs, and beliefs. The Board shall require that all uses of school property comply with this policy of nondiscrimination and all other policies, rules, and regulations of this district.

The Board believes that the school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds of this district may be made available for community purposes, provided that such use does not interfere with the educational program of the schools.

The Board may authorize the use of school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds when such permission has been requested in writing and a permit has been issued by the Board of Education. The Board considers the use of its facilities, athletic fields, and grounds to be a privilege and not a right. If the privilege is abused or the rules violated, the privilege can be denied or revoked.

The Board of Education may deny a permit to any group or organization which has less than fifty percent of its members as residents of Scotch Plains and/or Fanwood. Approval for the use of school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds shall be granted in the following priority order:

School sponsored groups

- 1. Users and organizations whose activities are directly related to the schools, including such groups as PTA and Booster Clubs:
- 2. Departments or agencies of municipal governments, including the Recreation Commission;
 - 3. District related athletic camps; and
 - 4. Other community organizations.

Requests for approval of activities shall be in accordance with a seasonal schedule.

All decisions regarding resolution of conflicts shall be the responsibility of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in conjunction with the appropriate Building Principal and/or Assistant Principal/Athletics determining seasonal facilities, athletic field, and ground scheduling.

School facilities may be utilized only when a custodian with a boiler license is on duty. Therefore, school buildings may only be used by athletic teams and other organizations during school holidays if this coincides with the calendar utilized by twelve-month employees. Charges will be necessary for those hours requiring custodial coverage not provided as part of the normal work schedule. If admission is charged for the event, the rental fee schedule shall be paid.

The Board carries insurance covering its legal liability. The Board requires that the user complete the Facility Use Application and file a certificate of insurance, naming the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education as an additional insured. The minimum amount of casualty insurance coverage will be \$1,000,000 for commercial auto liability, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for commercial general liability.

Use of school equipment, in conjunction with the use of school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds, must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted when the use of facilities is granted. The user of school equipment must accept liability for any damage to or loss of such equipment while it is in his/her use. Where rules so specify, no item or equipment may be used, except by a qualified operator.

The Board shall approve a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities, athletic fields, and grounds.

N.J.S.A. 18A:20-20; 18A:20-34

Adopted: 28 June 2012 Revised: 18 October 2018

Additional Facility Use Guidance

In this guide, we will review how to approve a Requestor, the approval routing process and how to confirm the fees in a permit are correct.

Before you begin reading through the directions, below is additional facility use guidance:

- Principals are responsible for approving all usage requests in their buildings; however, if additional guidance is needed, please contact Christopher Jones, Business Administrator or Lynn Hatter, Supervising Accountant.
- 2. All outside groups requesting space should comply with our Board approved Terms & Conditions (T&C) which can be found on the homepage of rSchool: https://fs-scotchplains.rschooltoday.com/authentication/credential/login/
- 3. Any exceptions to our T&C must be reviewed by the Business Office. Due to the volume of in-district activities that use our space we are unlikely to approve any group that is not compliant.
- 4. All outside groups must have the proper insurance as reflected in the T&C. The entity name and address on the Certificate of Insurance (COI) must match the group requesting the space. We cannot accept any homeowner's insurance policy in lieu of liability insurance.
- 5. Any costs incurred by the district due to an outside group using our space will be passed along to the group. Examples of this would be custodial fees, security charges and lighting and sound supervisor. Any group that requires a custodian to clean up after their use will be charged for time spent.
- 6. Any group using our performance spaces will have to pay for the districts lighting and sound supervisor to be onsite if they are using our equipment. We do not allow outside groups, even if they state they know how, to touch the equipment.
- 7. We do not store any equipment or supplies for an outside group. We are limited on space and cannot accept responsibility for any damages that could incur.
- 8. Bounce houses & inflatable play spaces are prohibited on school grounds per our insurance carrier and are not to be used or allowed by outside groups.

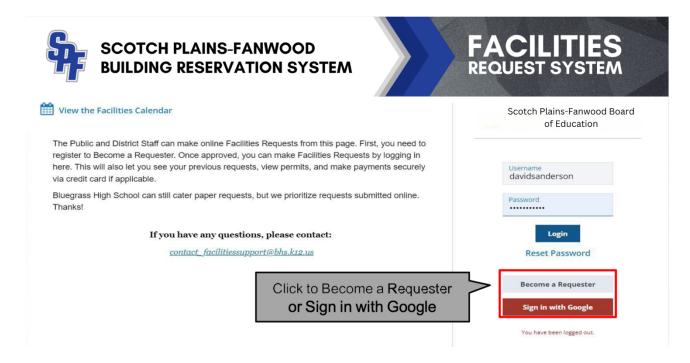
Becoming a Requester

Anyone requesting to use space is required to become a requester. Staff should check the box on the top left that says "I am requesting as a School Staff Member"; others should fill out the information as requested.

To prevent confusion please refrain from providing information to any group over the phone. We are only approving usage via electronic permit. A verbal confirmation does not reserve space.

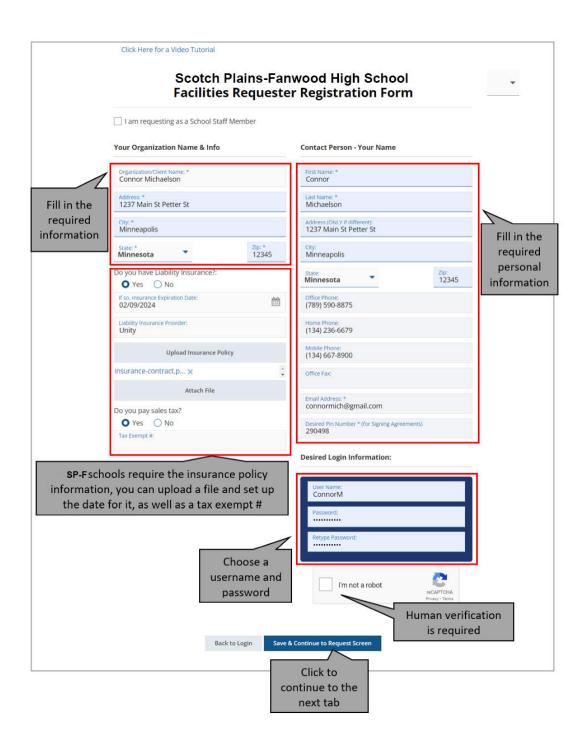
To become a Requester, go to https://fs-scotchplains.rschooltoday.com/requester/new/signuprequestmain

From there, click the 'Become a Requester' button to register.



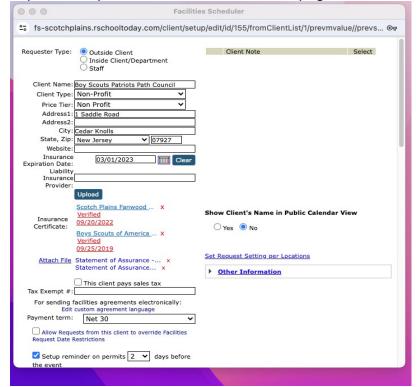
Clicking the 'Become a Requester' button will take you to the Facilities Requester Registration Form. Fill in the form with the necessary information.

Becoming a requestor does not guarantee use of space.



<u>NOTE</u>: The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District requires the approval of Registration Forms before a Requester can submit a Facilities Request. Clients will be notified when you are approved as a Requester and can make Facilities Requests. We have added a requirement that outside groups provide their COI to complete the Requester process.

After a requestor has been approved, they become a "client". The requestor approval can be completed by any staff member with administrative rights. Once you see a client enter a request for space and before approving the request you should review their client settings by going to the Setup Tab, drop-down clients and search or page forward to the client.



Before space can be approved, please confirm:

Is the requestor type correct?

Staff: Only full-time employees of the school district

<u>Inside Client/Department</u>: Only used for district run programs – ie. Interact Club, Student Council, DOSS, etc.

Outside Client: All other groups including PTA, PAL, SP Recreation, Scouts

Check the client type and the price tier for accuracy (when in doubt please contact the Business Office for guidance).

Confirm the Liability Insurance has been uploaded and is current. If you have reviewed it, you can select verify for the policy. If you are unsure, please contact the Business Office for assistance. **No usage request for an outside client should be approved without the client providing their Certificate of Insurance (COI).**

Review the routing approval Set-Up – standard should be to use client routing, then location.

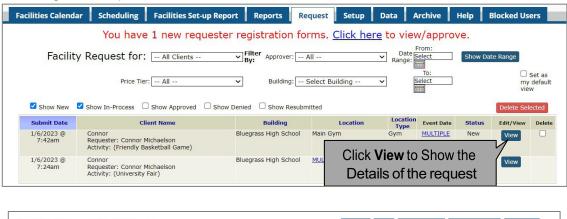
For any athletics clients, Ryan Miller should be added to the client routing set-up.

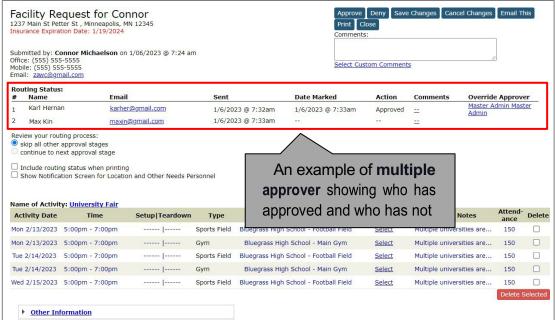
Once the above is correct you can review the request for space and begin the approval routing process.

Routing Status

The Routing Status is a list of the approvers that the administrator assigned to approve facility bookings. It shows the approvers, and to which point of the approval process the request is.

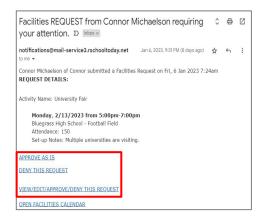
To do this, go to Request tab.



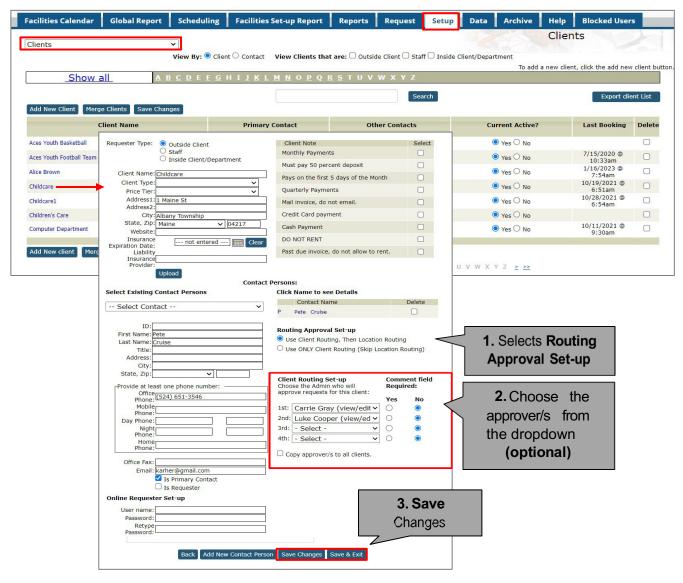


Note: The final approver can still deny the requests even if the previous approvers approved them. Do not override all other approvers when performing your approval; this creates communication issues.

The Approvers can also view/approve/deny requests from the email notification received once a Facility Request is submitted. Below is an example of the email notification:



There are two ways to set up the Routing Status, first is through the Set up> Clients.



Locations Show all Filter By: Building Type: - All -Click on a Add New Save Changes << < Page 1 of 1 >> > Building/Location Building or Location ○ Yes ○ No Сору **⊞** <u>M</u> <u>BlueGrass Elementary</u> Description Availability Notifications/Approvals ▶ Location: Notifications & Approvals **■ M** Bluegrass High School Set up the person who will receive an email notification whenever this location is requested. This presponsible for approving, modifying, or denying the reservation. By default, the appointed global administrator will receive these notifications, unless you place another name and email address he Classroom 10A Classroom 101 OPTION 1 - Single Approver **Email Notifications** Football Field Carrie Gray Main Auditorium First Name: Middle Nam Last Name: Main Gym Gray Math Lab grayffor@gmail.com 1. Selects if OPTION 2 - Multiple Approval Stages Single/Multiple Approver then assign their names narges, mounty chairs properly of the Requests Approvers, you add them to the Permissions area (under Set-up), and 2. (But Herri Land) and the Bentinets Tab. Click Herri Permission over a specific part of the Requests Tab. Cli Information about Approvers. - Select 2. Save - Select

Second is in the Set up> Locations> Notifications/Approval tab.

Note: The clients routing approval set up overrides the location routing approval set up. If the Client Routing set-up is empty, this means that the location routing approval will be followed.

Changes

During the approval process please review the date(s)/times being requested; if applicable select Extra Charges and add anything missing in the permit. If selecting:

- *Custodial Time Email Marianne Von Oehsen, Secretary to the Director of Buildings & Grounds, to confirm coverage for any after- hours event or if additional custodians are needed for setup or cleanup.
- *Lighting & Sound Supervisor Put in a tech ticket using the subject line "Lighting and Sound Supervisor". In the text include the date(s) and hours needed and any contact information for the client. Any outside group using any theater space requires an SPF employee on-site who is trained to use the equipment.
- ***Security** must be arranged via Jobs4Blue.

5th: - Select -Add New Admin

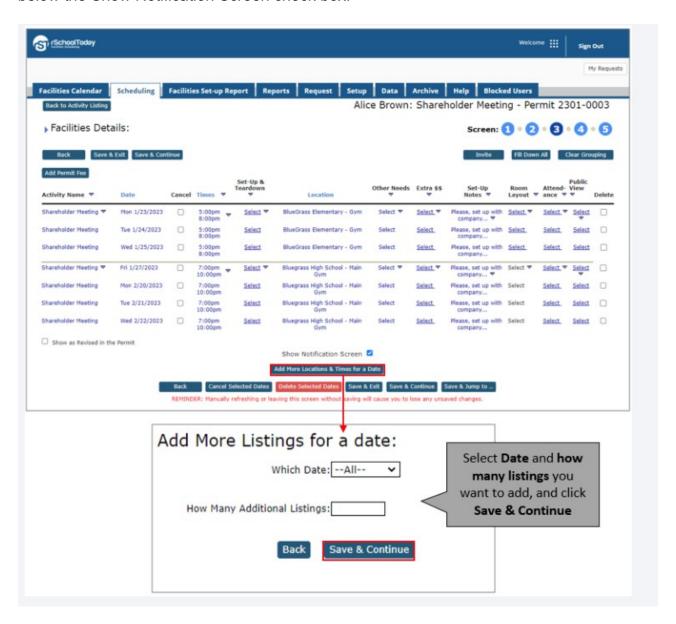
When denying a request please include the reasoning in the comments. Common reasons to deny usage are conflict with space, group is not in compliance with our terms & conditions, unable to confirm custodial or security coverage.

^{*}These services should be confirmed as available prior to the final approval

Reviewing the Permit

Add More Locations and Times for a Date

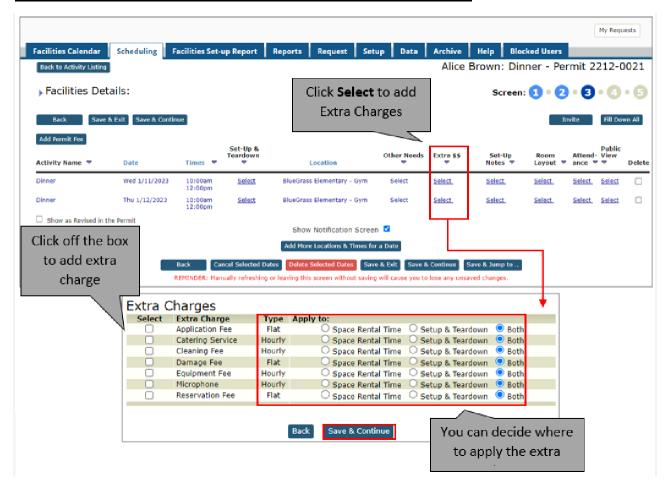
There might be instances that you need to add a location(s) for a date in the permit (additional classrooms, hallway, etc.). You can do this by using the Add More Locations and Times for a Date. Start by clicking Add More Locations and Times for a Date located below the Show Notification Screen check box.



Choose the date on which you need to book multiple locations and input the # of listings you need to add for that date. Save and Continue.

Adding Extra Charges

To start adding extra charges, while in screen number 3 of the Permit click on the Select button under the column Extra \$\$. This step is necessary for any group that is incurring fees. For example – needing custodians for cleanup, setup or to be present at a time when your building is normally closed. Security Fees need to be added if it is required. If this step is not completed the client is unaware of needing to pay for their use and the Business Office will not see the permit on the list to invoice.



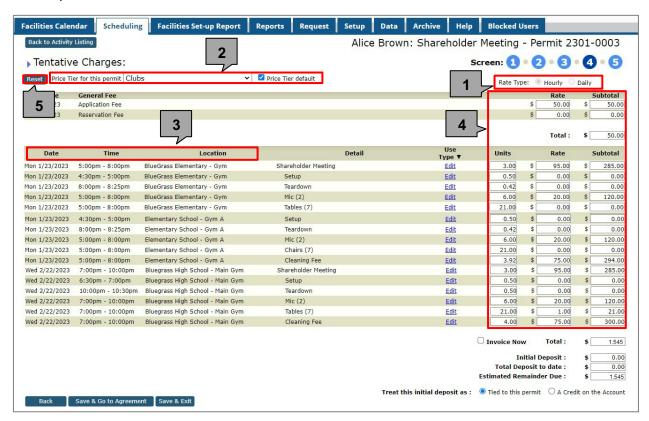
Adding Setup Notes, Attendance and Public View in the Activity Scheduler

When clicking on the Select button under the Set Up Notes column, you will find these 3 items show in one pop-up window.

Tentative Charges

Compute Charges

The Invoice screen (Screen 4) shows you the payment details and a table of the charges you have set up. Remember that this screen is skipped if you choose to **Bypass Invoice Screen, STEP 4 on Screen 1**.

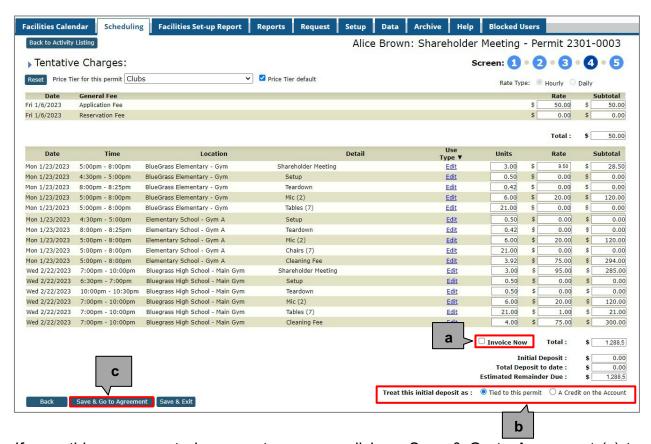


- 1. The **Rate Type** is indicated in the upper right part of the window. You can toggle between Hourly and Daily rates.
- 2. You can set for this specific permit the Client Type or Client Price Tier.
- 3. You will also see the date/s and time/s, and the location/s you have chosen for this event.
- 4. The charges are listed in a table. Across each event date on the list are columns for their **Account Detail**, **Use Type**, **Units**, **Rate** and **Subtotal**.

To reset rates to default values, click Reset.

Please make sure that any fees that need to be charged are appearing; do not make/keep each line zero if a fee is applicable. All clients should be setup with the appropriate rate schedule **except for nonprofits using space during hours when the building is typically closed**. In these situations, we do charge for custodial time and security, if applicable. If the fees do not appear the permit will not show on the reports as needing to be invoiced and the client will not be made aware to expect a fee.

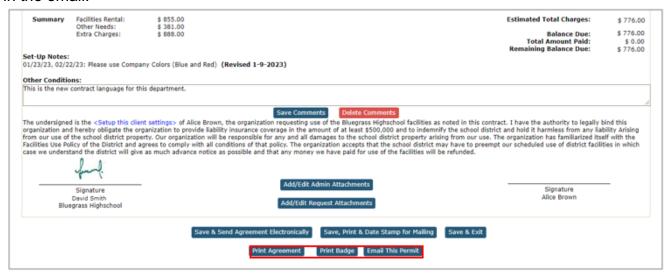
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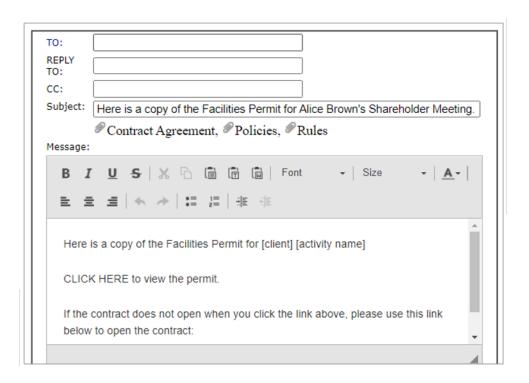


If everything appears to be correct, you may click on Save & Go to Agreement (c) to proceed to Screen 5 (Contract), or Save & Exit, if you are not ready to create the Contract yet. Otherwise, click on "Back" without saving the changes you made on this screen (if any). The invoices will not be sent by the schools. The business office will handle this task.

Emailing the Permit

Email the permit to the contact person listed for the client. Use the Send Email button to send the attached contract to the intended recipients. There will be two attachments with the contract, Terms and Conditions and Statement of Assurance, please keep both attachments in the email.





Statement of Assurance

The Statement of Assurance should be completed, returned, and added as an attachment to the client. This is a required form for all Outside Clients and failure to complete the form can result in cancellation of any forthcoming permits.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools Statement of Assurance School Safety and Security Training

This Statement of Assurance must be submitted annually prior to facility use.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7 and Regulation 7510 - Community Use of School Facilities, the Board of Education shall provide to all persons who supervise youth programs that are not sponsored by the school district, but operate a program in a district building before or after school hours, on the weekend, or during a period when school is not in session, information on the district's school practices and procedures in the event of a school safety or security incident at a school including non-confidential information on evacuation procedures, emergency response protocols, and emergency contact information.

It is the responsibility of the organization that sponsors the youth program to train the program's employees and volunteers on the school security and emergency procedures in the school building where the youth program is located.

Certification

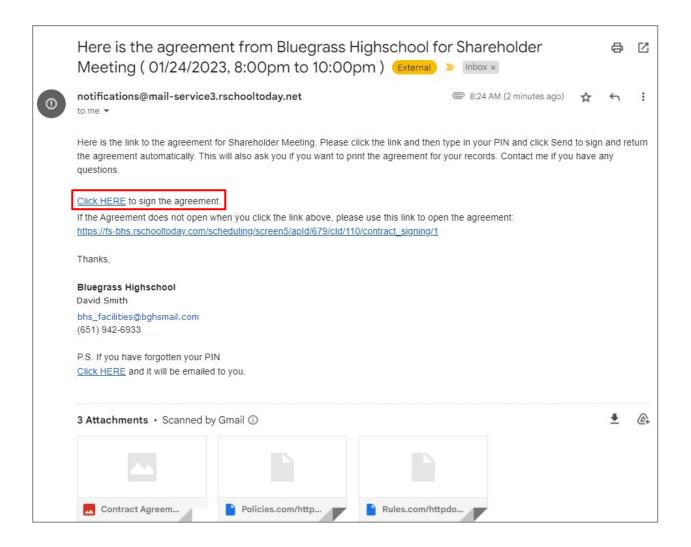
Signed: _____ Date: _____

512 Cedar Street Scotch Plains, NJ. 07076 Phone: 908-232-6161

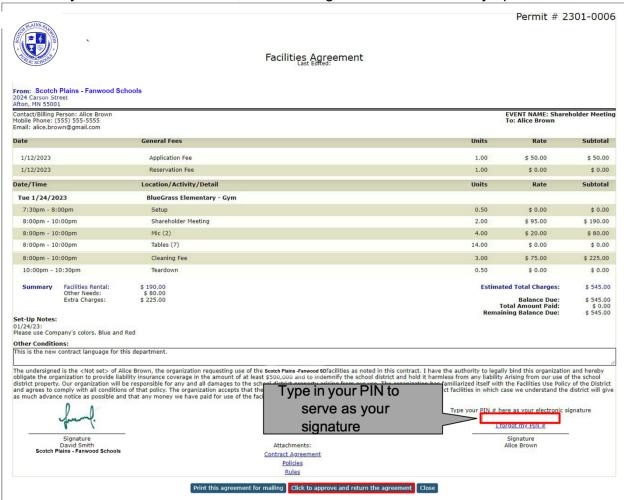
Fax: 908-889-0258

How a Client Approves an Agreement

After a facility request is completed, the requester will receive the contract by email. Here is an example of the contract sent by email:



When you click on **Click Here**, the following window automatically opens:



Enter your PIN number (Contact the Facilities Scheduler administrator if you haven't gotten one) and click on Click to approve and return the agreement.

After that, you will be asked if you want to print a contract for your records. Click OK if you want to proceed with the printing or click cancel if you don't want to print it:



Right after you make your choice (OK or Cancel), the following window will open:

Your Agreement Confirmation has been sent.

After the use has been approved each building is responsible to communicate to their custodian the events taking place. This can be done by having your custodian log into rSchool and review the calendar or by printing a daily or weekly calendar for them. Some buildings are using the notifications in the location setup to have an email sent to the custodian in advance of an event as a reminder. This process can be determined by what works best for each building.

After a rental has concluded

All invoices will be sent to clients after their event takes place to ensure we capture all costs. If there is something that needs to be added to the permit after the fact (additional time or custodial needs) please let the business office know.

For any outside clients please follow up with the custodial staff that was present and confirm that the space was left in a clean and acceptable condition.

If you have any questions or need help with rSchool please contact Lynn Hatter in the Business Office for assistance.

District Policy

Please review the below District Policy's as they relate to facility use. They can be found on the District website under BOE; Board Policys

7440 - SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURITY (M)

7510 - USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

7513 - RECREATIONAL USE OF PLAYGROUNDS

Facility Use Rental Rates

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FACILITY USAGE RENTAL CHARGES

Groups and organizations using the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school facilities shall be billed by the Board of Education. If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact the School Business Administrator at (908) 232-6161, ext. 41301.

When schools are not normally covered by custodial services, or when additional custodial services are required, a charge (as stated below) shall be made and shall include an additional one-half hour before and one hour after actual occupancy, for purposes of opening and closing. When additional staff, such as stage crew, cafeteria staff, etc., is determined to be necessary, additional charges shall be billed. If heating or air conditioning the facility is necessary as determined by the building principal or the Director of Buildings and Grounds, an hourly charge shall be billed.

The Board reserves the right to modify charges for non Scotch Plains-Fanwood groups.

Senior High School	Per H	our Rate		Park Middle School	Per H	our Rate	
New gymnasium	\$	120.00		Auditorium	\$	150.00	
Old gymnasium	\$	120.00		Main gymnasium	\$	100.00	
Auditorium	\$	150.00		Auxiliary gymnasium	\$	100.00	
Cafeteria	\$	100.00		Cafeteria	\$	100.00	
Multipurpose Room	\$	100.00		Maximum charge per room	\$	500.00 per da	зу
Dance Studio	\$	80.00					
Maximum charge per room	\$	500.00	per day				
				Terrill Middle School	<u>Per H</u>	our Rate	
				Auditorium	\$	150.00	
Elementary Schools				Gymnasium	\$	100.00	
Multipurpose Rooms	\$	100.00		Multi-Purpose Room	\$	100.00	
Maximum charge per room	\$	500.00	per day	Cafeteria	\$	100.00	
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All Schools							
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Classrooms	\$	80.00	per day				

The rental fee does not include the following additional HOURLY charges:

CustodiansRate per contractLighting and Sound SupervisorRate per contractStudent stage assistantsRate per contractCafeteria employeesRate per contractFaculty advisorRate per contract

Heat/Air Conditioning \$ 50.00 per hour, plus one hour

Athletic Facilities

Turf Field (1)	\$ 400.00	per 4-hr session	Max \$ 600.00 per day
Baseball Fields	\$ 40.00	per hour	Max \$ 200.00 per day
Softball Fields	\$ 40.00	per hour	Max \$ 200.00 per day
Other Athletic Fields	\$ 40.00	per hour	Max \$ 200.00 per day

District related summer camps for SPF students will receive a 60% rate reduction for facility use.

Athletic fields will be lined in accordance with the school schedules. Any organization requesting the lining of a field at any other time will pay a fee of \$200.00.

Board Approved January 24, 2019