



Community Use of District Facilities Update

Board of Education

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Agenda

1. Policy Update
 - a. Student Benefit Rate
2. Rate Update
3. Outreach Strategy
4. Next Steps



Policy Update

Civic Center

- Add a verification checklist
- Term: 6 months → 364 days
- Rate: Civic Center rates based on facility type (no longer one rate)

License Agreements

- Strengthen Notice of Intent (NOI) process
- Term: Up to 5 years
- Rate Categories: Simplify number of rate categories from five to two (Market, Student Benefit)

Why These Changes

- Current policy allows for use of our facilities and flexibility in users.
- Proposed policy refines the existing policy by:
 - Reducing differing interpretations of eligibility and facilities
 - Reducing repeat applications for year-long and multi-year programs
 - Supporting a leaner team by reducing application cycles, automating workflows, and streamlined processes
- New policy will go to the BOE to supersede Board Rules (dated 10/23/23)



Proposed Student Benefit Rate

Program Purpose

Reduced rate reserved for non-profit organizations and official Department events (i.e., City of Los Angeles voter registration event) serving students and families.

Qualification Criteria

- Verified 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status
- Serve families and students through youth programs, education services, or family support
- Must not charge students or families to participate in programs or services

i Key Point: Student Benefit Rate ensures equitable access to facilities for youth-serving nonprofits.

Facility Use Rate Qualifications

Student Benefit Rate

- Verified 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status.
- Serve students and families through youth programs, education, or support services.
- Programs and services must be free of charge for students and families.

Civic Center Rate

- Non-profit organizations, community groups, or public agencies.
- Activities must be for public benefit, educational, or recreational purposes.
- If for a recreational youth sports league, must charge under \$60/month
- Organization cannot operate for commercial profit from facility use.

Market Rate

- Any use that does not meet the qualifications for Student Benefit or Civic Center rates and is not LAUSD-sponsored.

Rate Comparison

Key Findings

- Across all facility types, LAUSD charges significantly less compared to peer districts.
- LAUSD's flat Civic Center rate is **below** all other jurisdiction's Civic Center rate **in all categories**.
- LAUSD's Market Rate is **below** peer averages across all facility types.
- Rate modernization is essential to cost recovery for the District.

2026 Peer Civic Center Facility Use Rates

Facility Type	Peer Rate Avg	LAUSD Cost
Classroom	\$115/hr	\$38/hr
Auditorium	\$152/hr	\$38/hr
Gymnasium	\$179/hr	\$38/hr
Field	\$298/hr	\$38/hr

2026 Peer Market Facility Use Rates

Facility Type	Peer Rate Avg	LAUSD Rate Avg
Classroom	\$119.29/hr	\$31.16/hr
Auditorium	\$179.66/hr	\$171.50/hr
Gymnasium	\$324.52/hr	\$133.65/hr
Field	\$347.33/hr	\$259.32/hr

Note: Peer averages are based on all facility use rates charged for that facility type across peer districts. LAUSD averages reflect all facility charges across capacity and size variations within each facility type.



LAUSD Cost Analysis

Case Study: Athletic Fields

Actual LAUSD Cost: \$368/hour

Actual LAUSD Cost includes the cost of maintenance, utilities, custodial, staffing, and restoration/repair costs for a 60,000 SF field and one bathroom. Estimate uses instructional day rates and does not include overtime.

Civic Center Users (e.g., DTLA Soccer)

- Charged: \$38/hour
- Difference: **(\$297)/hour**

Market Users (e.g., LA Sports Net)

- Charged: \$260/hour
- Difference: **(\$108)/hour**

i **Impact:** LAUSD absorbs the difference. The General Fund deficit grows with every hour of facility use. Athletic Fields get used ~40,000 hours/year.

Rate Considerations

Current Rate Parameters

The Civic Center Acts allows charges for **custodial, utilities, supplies, staffing, maintenance, repair, and restoration** only.

Market rate is wholly set by the District and is unrestricted by State law and regulation.

LAUSD Facility Usage

- 5,000+ active agreements across the district
- Top 100 schools nearly fully scheduled on weeknights
- Full weekend utilization year-round

Revenue / Cost Mismatch

LAUSD charges **all non-District users** across Civic Center and Market rates less than the District's actual costs. Ongoing \$8M+ annual subsidy; unsustainable long-term.

Single-Rate Outlier

LAUSD is the **only district** that staff evaluated that uses a single Civic Center rate for all facilities.

Rate Updates

Two-Year Rollout: Adjustments will be implemented gradually over two (2) years to support a smooth transition.

LAUSD/School Groups

Essential school groups will continue to use facilities free of charge.

Student Benefit Rate

Minimum direct operational costs to be determined based off the use, square footage, and hours rented. Will be variable for each rental.

Civic Center Rate

Rate reflects 50% of total allowable Civic Center costs.

Market Rate

Rate increase reflects cumulative CPI adjustment between 2018 and 2026.

Impact: Rate increases balance LAUSD cost recovery with continued access.



Proposed Civic Center Rates

Civic Center Rate Changes: reflects 50% of total allowable Civic Center costs. Rates will be rolled out over two years.

Facility Type	Current	SY 27-28	SY 28-29	Current Peer Avg
Classroom / MPR	\$38	\$38	\$38	\$115
Auditorium	\$38	\$47	\$56	\$152
Gymnasium	\$38	\$56	\$74	\$179
Field	\$38	\$72	\$106	\$298

Key Finding: Even with proposed increases, LAUSD's SY 28-29 Civic Center rates remain below all other peer districts in three of the four facility categories (Classroom, Auditorium, Gym). For fields, LAUSD rates are in the bottom 30% of today's peer district rates.

Proposed Market Rates

Market Rate Changes: Rate reflects cumulative CPI adjustment between 2018 and 2026. Rates will be rolled out over two years. Any updates beyond 2028-2029 School Year will be evaluated and updated at a later time.

Facility Type	Current	SY 27-28	SY 28-29	Current Peer Avg
Classroom / MPR	\$31 - 50	\$37 - 59	\$42 - 67	\$31.16
Auditorium	\$135 - 209	\$158 - 245	\$181 - 281	\$171.50
Gymnasium	\$98 - 169	\$115 - 199	\$132 - 228	\$133.65
Field	\$182 - 339	\$214 - 397	\$245 - 455	\$259.32

 **Note:** Market rents for each facility type are based on size and capacity and will differ between facilities.

Community Outreach Strategy



August 2026: Permit & License Application Notices

Add clear notices to all current permits and licenses so users are aware of and may now budget for new rates in advance.

Fall 2026: Website Updates

Post graphics and notifications on the website to alert applicants and visitors to the upcoming rate changes.

Spring 2027: High-Use School Campaign

Run an outreach campaign at high-utilization schools to reach frequent users and community partners directly.

Throughout SY 2026 – 2027: Meetings with Major Stakeholders

Direct engagement with nonprofits and other major stakeholders to explain the proposed rate change.

Anticipated Next Steps and Timeline

- **Fall of 2026–27 School Year**
Board Approval of new Community Use Policy
- **Summer of 2026–27 School Year**
Implement 1st step of rate change
- **Summer of 2027–28 School Year**
Implement 2nd step of rate change



Questions