

POLICY RELATING TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS

FACILITY USAGE FOR DAY CARE PROGRAMS

The need for day care is a result of the ongoing pattern of two working parents or the single parent family in our society. Parents seek an environment that is both safe and rewarding. The Wachusett Regional School Committee recognizes that these early years are crucial in fostering positive emotional, social and physical growth. Whenever possible, the District shall make available to its Member Towns appropriate facilities for day care activities.

The District shall operate day care programs to support educational requirements as determined by the law and for courses of study.

The District shall also promote the use of District facilities for day care use by all Member Towns. Day care programs shall offer a safe, nurturing environment in which pre-school children are provided with positive and enriching experiences. Enrollment preference shall be given to residents of the sponsoring town and the District, in that order.

Day care programs shall meet all state, local and federal requirements and shall provide evidence of compliance with such requirements. Programs shall not interfere nor take precedence over existing K-12 school programs. Sponsoring towns must accept full responsibility for all costs associates with the programs and their operation.

A sponsoring town shall hold the Wachusett Regional School District harmless from any liability arising from the existence or operation of its particular program. The sponsoring town shall produce proof of said indemnification in a form and in an amount suitable to the District and consistent with School Committee policy.

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