

**POLICY**  
**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**PLAYGROUND AND TRACK USE BY THE COMMUNITY**

**Purpose**

RISDeaf wishes to assure local community access to and use of school outdoor facilities during non-school hours while protecting the grounds, playground and track from inappropriate or disruptive use.

**Implementation**

Access to the RISDeaf school playgrounds and walking track is available for local community use when school is not in session according to the following guidelines:

1. All uses shall be confined to those activities that would normally be carried out on a playground area.
2. All activities shall be conducted in an orderly manner and shall not create a nuisance or disruption to our neighbors.
3. All uses must be conducted with school and State policies in mind, such as but not limited to:
  - a. No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal substances on school property
  - b. No firearms or fireworks on school property
  - c. No use of foul, abusive, or inappropriate language at any time
  - d. Damages to school property must be assumed by the user or responsible adult with the group.
  - e. The group using the grounds must control its participants.
  - f. The group using the playground must clean up after itself. Barrels are available near the outdoor track for trash and debris.
  - g. No bicycles and no dogs are permitted on the track area.
4. Access is available to school grounds on days school is in session from an hour after school is dismissed to sunset. School is usually dismissed by 3:30 pm, although team practice may still be in process.
5. If school teams are using the track, it is closed to the public until practice concludes for the day.
6. Access on days when school is not in session is 8 AM-sunset.