I. Introduction

A. The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures regarding the use of Rio Hondo Community College District property and facilities by community groups, outside contractors, and others.

II. Requirements by law

A. The District has established reasonable rules regarding time, place, and manner of use of District property and facilities. They assure that persons or organizations using District property and facilities are charged such fees as are authorized by law. Public use of District property and facilities shall not interfere with scheduled instructional programs or other activities of the District on behalf of students.

B. No group or organization may use District property and facilities to unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, or on the perception that a person has one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because a person associates with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or on any basis prohibited by law.

III. Purposes for use

A. Use of the District’s property and facilities will be only for the purposes described by the California Legislature in Education Code Section 82537(a). These purposes include use by associations “formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts” in order to “engage in supervised recreational activities” or “meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions which in their judgment appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside.” (Education Code Section 82537(a). In granting permission to use the property and facilities, the District will not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint with regard to organizations engaging in expressive activities on the topics and subject matters articulated above.

IV. Sources/references

A. Education Code Sections 82537 and 82542

B. Title 5 Sections 59601 et seq.