

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**Related Entries:** ECK-RA, ECM, ECM-RA, KGA-RA  
**Responsible Office:** Facilities Management

### **Use of Smith Center by Non-Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Groups**

#### **A. PURPOSE**

To permit the use of the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Center (Smith Center) by nonprofit groups

#### **B. ISSUE**

The Smith Center is a facility owned and operated by MCPS to provide interdisciplinary learning opportunities in the out-of-doors. In addition to residential outdoor education programs, the Smith Center also operates day programs that are open to MCPS students and staff.

#### **C. POSITION**

The superintendent of schools is authorized to permit the limited use of the Smith Center by nonprofit groups.

MCPS reserves the right to schedule the use of the Smith Center by nonprofit groups to ensure the appropriate use of this unique facility and to maximize flexibility in scheduling its use by MCPS students and staff.

#### **D. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

The superintendent of schools will develop regulations to guide the use of the Smith Center by nonprofit groups.

#### **E. REVIEW AND REPORTING**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

***Policy History:*** Adopted by Resolution No. 776-75, November 11, 1975; reformatted in accordance with Resolution No. 333-86, June 12, 1986 and Resolution No. 458-86, August 12, 1986, and accepted by Resolution No. 147-87, February 25, 1987, amended by Resolution No. 57-10, February 17, 2010.