

Section 1.6: Facility Partnerships

Facility Partnerships

Sharing facilities can be beneficial to our students and the community. By sharing space, we can work together to improve services, programs and supports for our students as well as maximize the use of public infrastructure through increased flexibility and use. The purpose of a facility partnership is to encourage school boards to work with their community partners to share facilities to the benefit of boards, students and the community. Facility Partnerships also optimize the use of public assets owned by school boards. Facility partnerships provide a potential opportunity to reduce facility costs and potentially improve educational opportunities for students.

Offering space in schools to partners can also strengthen the role of schools in communities, provide a place for programs and facilitate the coordination of, and improve access to, services for students and the wider community. Before entering a facility partnership, there is a need to determine the expectations for the partnering organization and how it aligns with HWDSB’s strategic directions. Partnerships must be appropriate for the school setting and not compromise our student achievement strategy.

Facility partnerships operate on a cost-recovery basis. The fees charged to partners should cover the operations and capital cost, including administrative costs and property taxes (if applicable), to the board for the space occupied by the partner. Additional costs to perform minor renovations to protect student safety, provide appropriate washrooms, and otherwise make the space suitable for use by facility partners will be at the expense of the partner.

For more information please visit HWDSB’s [Facility Partnership Webpage](#).

Identification of Potential Spaces

The information used to identify facilities that may be suitable for facility partnerships with respect to new construction and unused space in schools will be established through the [Use of Board Facilities Policy](#).

Planning and Accommodation have identified the following sites as having spaces available for potential Facility Partnerships.

Current Schools or Proposed Future Schools Available for Potential Facility Partnership

Secondary Schools	Proposed Future Elem Schools	Administrative Building
Dundas Valley	Binbrook Site	Hill Park
Orchard Park	Nash Site	
Sir Allan MacNab	Waterdown Site	
Sir Winston Churchill	Winona Site	
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