

## Chapter PI 12

### WISCONSIN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND WISCONSIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

PI 12.001 Definitions.

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(1) “Center” has the meaning given in s. 115.525 (1), Stats.

(2) “Program” has the meaning given in s. 115.52 (1), Stats.

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**PI 12.01 Building and facility rental.** (1) The department of public instruction, as managing authority of the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing and the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired buildings and facilities, may permit the same to be used by any governmental body or official, or any non-profit, fraternal, religious, or veterans’ organization for the purpose of governmental business, public meetings for the free discussion of public questions, or for activities of a broad public purpose, if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) Such use does not interfere with the prime use of the buildings or facilities.

(b) Such use does not unduly burden the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired.

(c) Such use is not a hazard to the safety of the students of the program or center, or the public, or state employees; nor detrimental to the buildings or facilities.

(d) Such use does not expose the state of Wisconsin to the likelihood of expenses and/or damages which cannot be recovered.

(e) Such use is appropriate to the physical context of the buildings and/or facilities.

(2) The applicant for such use shall make a written request on a specified form to the director of the respective program or center at least one week in advance of the anticipated utilization of the building or facility. In the event of a conflict of requests by 2 or more organizations, the respective director of the program or center shall have full discretion.

(3) The applicant for such use shall be liable to the state for any injury done to its property, and for any expense arising out of such use, and for such sum as the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired may charge for such use as provided in s. 16.845, Stats.

(4) The applicant may charge an admission fee only if approved by the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin

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educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired, pursuant to any conditions as imposed by the department.

(5) There shall be no discrimination because of race, religion, color, national origin or sex in the utilization of state office buildings and facilities for government business, public meetings for free discussion of public questions, or for civic activities.

(6) The utilization of department of public instruction buildings and facilities at the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing and the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired by an organization shall not imply endorsement, approval, or approbation by the state of Wisconsin or the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired, nor the extension of special privilege. Likewise, the refusal by the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired to permit use of a building or facility shall not be interpreted as disapproval or censure of any organization, but shall be for reasons as set forth in sub. (1) (a) to (e).

(7) The granting of permission to use a building or facility by the department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired does not obligate said department, program, or center to furnish the applicant any service or utilities, or render any support with personnel, equipment, or supplies. The department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired may furnish such assistance, and may charge for any expense arising out of use of a building or facility. The department of public instruction, the Wisconsin educational services program for the deaf and hard of hearing, and the Wisconsin center for the blind and visually impaired reserve the right to inspect any equipment or apparatus brought in for a public meeting, event, or activity; and to limit or prohibit the use of such items which might affect the safety or the normal operation of the building or facility.

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