



# 1650 A

## Requirements for Use: Swimming Pools

***Regulation 1650 A***

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### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to assure that school sites, facilities and district departments are in compliance with the instructional, health and safety regulations of the state departments and agencies with oversight of public swimming pools. Students should be provided a quality and safe learning experience so that they meet applicable learning standards. Although the District attempts to maintain a safe environment around its swimming pools the public should understand the inherent risks involved in their use.

### **II. SUPERVISION, LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

- A. An appropriately certified life guard must be on duty at all times when a pool is in use for any permitted use.
- B. In district instructional uses:
  1. Instruction shall be under the direction of a person appropriately licensed as a physical education teacher who also holds appropriate certification to teach swimming.
  2. Additional supervision of students is required in addition to the instruction to meet the following ratios:
    - a) when students are in grades Pre-kindergarten through third grade one adult supervisor for every fifteen students;
    - b) when students are in grades Four through Eight one adult supervisor for every twenty students;
    - c) when students are in grades Nine through Twelve one adult supervisor for every thirty students.
  3. When possible, supervisors of both genders shall be provided to allow appropriate supervision of locker room facilities.
- C. In district therapeutic uses:
  1. Hydro-therapy shall be provided by a properly licensed therapist.
  2. Additional supervision of students is required in addition to the therapist if the number of students receiving therapy exceeds the therapist's capacity to assure safety, and, in any event, if the number of students exceeds ten students.
  3. When possible supervisors of both genders shall be provided to allow appropriate supervision of locker room facilities.
- D. In Athletic Program uses:
  1. In addition to the certified life guard on duty, additional supervision may be required by the district athletic director based on the number of student participants in the program.
  2. When possible supervisors of both genders shall be provided to allow appropriate supervision of locker room facilities for co-educational teams and activities.



- E. In Community Education Program uses:
1. All instruction in swimming programs shall be by properly certified personnel.
  2. Instructors may not serve as the certified life guard required during their classes.
  3. When possible supervisors of both genders shall be provided to allow appropriate supervision of locker room facilities.
- F. In other permitted uses:
1. Permit holders must contract with a district approved certified life guard in order to receive their permit.
  2. Additional supervision may be required if the number of persons exceeds thirty (30). Additional supervision will be indicated on the use permit.
  3. If permit users are providing swimming or diving instruction, properly certificated individuals must be employed for this purpose. A copy of the current certification may be required prior to issuance of the permit.
  4. Permit applications must be accompanied by proof of insurance covering the use of the pool.
  5. The district may require an indemnification agreement from the permit applicant holding the district free from all claims by participants.
  6. The district shall provide permit holders with a list of pool use rules.
- G. The capacity of the pool for permitted uses shall be posted. The capacity posted shall be in conformance with requirements of applicable law, regulations and rules.

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. §123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes)  
Minn. Stat. §466.03 (Exceptions to liability)

***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 1600 (Community Use of District Facilities)