

SCHOOL FOREST

The Stevens Point Area Public School District benefits in its efforts to educate the students of the district by having the school forest as a teaching resource. The purpose of this site is to support district-wide instructional goals as delineated in school board policy 310, district-wide instructional goals, through the availability of an alternative teaching station. The curriculum used at this location will support the needs of the individual schools, and therefore, is subject to the approval of the building principal and to evaluation by the district under school board policy 334, evaluation of the instructional program. The superintendent and/or designee are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school forest.

Since this program is not subject to specific reimbursement by equalized or categorical aids from the state of Wisconsin, it is incumbent on the school board to ensure the long-term success of the facility without being an undue burden on the taxpayers of the district.

RULE:

1. All Boston School Forest product sales will be designated in a separate fund and invested to maximize income so that long-term growth and maintenance of the site and facilities has a funding source.
2. The district will establish an endowment fund to accept donations directed by the donor for this purpose.
3. Annual endowment income may be used for operating expenditures, capital improvements, re-investment or other appropriate uses associated with the Boston School Forest.
4. Monies received from rental of Boston School Forest facilities will be used to offset operating expenditures.
5. District personnel are to consult with the state forester in connection with the management of forest products on school forest properties.
6. Use of the facilities by internal and external groups will be subject to school board policies governing the use of district owned and operated facilities.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Wisconsin Administrative Code
28.22

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