



## 2.08 Swimming / Therapy Pool Use Policy

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. USDB's Therapy pool was built for student use, including educational and curriculum needs, therapy purposes, relaxation, and recreation. Staff and USDB-sponsored or affiliated groups may also request the use of the pool while they are present on campus. Any person with a communicable disease (such as a common cold or other transmissible disease) may not use the pool.

### 2. Use of the Pool

- 2.1. No person may swim without a certified lifeguard present.
- 2.2. No person diagnosed as having seizures may swim unless a life jacket is worn.
- 2.3. All students are required to shower before entering the pool area.
- 2.4. Swimmers who leave the pool area to use the toilet must take a shower before returning to the pool area.
- 2.5. All posted pool rules must be followed by visitors, students, and staff members. The rules will be enforced by the lifeguard with assistance from the staff members.
- 2.6. No more than twenty-four (24) people are allowed in the pool at one time (visitors, students, and staff).
- 2.7. Swimmers must only wear swimwear designed for water use.
- 2.8. A swim diaper is required to be worn by any person who normally wears diapers; regular diapers are not allowed in the pool.
- 2.9. A liability form will be provided, and signatures obtained from all staff, visitors, and parents of students using the pool. This is to ensure all swimmers are aware of water temperatures and potential dangers associated with swimming.

### 3. Use of Pool by Staff

- 3.1. Staff members are not permitted to swim without a certified lifeguard present.

- 3.2. Staff members may schedule a time to swim if a certified lifeguard is present.
- 3.3. Staff members and lifeguards must log in and out on the Pool Use Log, located outside of the facilities office.
- 3.4. Staff must comply with the same rules as students listed in Section 2 above.

#### **4. Lifeguard Duties**

- 4.1. Lifeguards must give copies of their current lifeguard certificate to their respective Program Director and to the pool scheduler for file-keeping purposes.
- 4.2. Lifeguards are required to remain out of the water while on duty, unless they are actively conducting a rescue or performing a specific task that necessitates entering the water, such as a routine check of the pool or waterfront area, or conducting a training exercise.
- 4.3. The lifeguard must enforce the posted pool rules with staff members, students, and visitors.
- 4.4. The lifeguard may not perform any other duties outside of the supervision and safety of swimmers while on duty.
- 4.5. The lifeguard is responsible for obtaining the pool cover key and opening and closing the pool cover before and after each event.
- 4.6. The lifeguard is responsible for inspecting the swimming pool for fecal matter and other contaminants before covering it. The lifeguard must immediately report all accidents to the Facilities department.
- 4.7. The lifeguard is responsible for ensuring the closet (where the pool toys and towels are stored) is kept in good order before leaving the area.
- 4.8. The lifeguard must make sure the pool changing rooms are secure and locked from the inside of the pool before leaving the area.
- 4.9. The lifeguard is responsible for promptly reporting any damage to property or equipment to their respective Supervisor and the Facilities staff.

#### **5. Use of Pool by Groups Sponsored by USDB**

- 5.1. Groups sponsored by USDB may schedule to use the pool by contacting the Facilities Department at 801-629-4779. They will direct you to the person in charge of pool reservations. Requests must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance of the expected use.

- 5.2. Groups sponsored by USDB must provide their own certified lifeguard, with a copy of their certification attached to the request submitted to the pool scheduler.
- 5.3. Examples of groups or activities sponsored by USDB include, but are not limited to, Special Olympics, Parent Infant Program (PIP) family camps, summer camps, and reverse-mainstream activities. This list is not exhaustive. All groups must be directly associated with USDB students or be formally sponsored or supported by USDB.

**~~6. Maintenance and Cleaning of the Therapy Pool and Pool Area~~**

- ~~6.1. Facilities staff will clean and disinfect the pool decks and handrails daily.~~
- ~~6.2. Facilities staff will maintain the chlorine and temperature levels of the pool on a daily basis.~~
- ~~6.3. Facilities staff will perform a comprehensive cleaning and vacuuming of the pool every Wednesday. Any exceptions to this schedule must be approved in advance by the Superintendent and the Facilities Supervisor.~~
- ~~6.4. Facilities staff, once notified, will clean up accidents and will treat the pool water. The pool will be closed for cleaning and will reopen by the Facilities staff.~~