

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>
	<b>OPERATION OF TOWER LIGHTING FOR HOLLISTON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS</b>	<b>KFCB</b>

**HOLLISTON**

The School Committee believes that the town of Holliston, its students, parents and townspeople, will benefit because of the use of tower lighting at Damigella/Adams Baseball/Softball Fields. Holliston Public School's Interscholastic Program supports healthy lifestyles and builds community among students, student-athletes, parents, faculty, and community members. It is this feeling of community that the School Committee believes is enhanced through the tower lighting. The lighting allows members of the community to watch interscholastic contests at more convenient times.

However, the School Committee views the athletic program as an extension of our academic curriculum. The Holliston School Committee's first priority to its students is to provide an atmosphere conducive to academic accomplishment and excellence. To this end, we believe that the lighting of nighttime games should be controlled so that students and parents will not need to confront possible attendance at night games frequently on school nights with possible impact on homework and upon other household priorities.

The Committee is also aware of the Schools' need to be a good neighbor to the abutting and nearby landowners. Therefore, the School Committee adopts the following policy regarding tower lighting use:

1. The number of school-related tower illumination uses shall not exceed 10 events per each academic year (equally distributed between baseball and softball) with unspecified additional nighttime lighting allowed for post-season games). The scheduling of post-season nighttime games and the above 10 events is at the discretion of the Athletic Director. The use of lights outside of school athletic events shall be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, but will still meet the usage policy as set forth in this document.
2. For all uses tower lights shall not be illuminated beyond 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursdays on school nights when school is in session and 10:00 p.m. on all other days. However, in all instances they shall be turned off at the earliest time practicable, no later than one-half hour after the contest ends. No games will be scheduled on school event nights (i.e. concerts, open house, etc.) at Adams, Miller or Placentino Schools.
3. Costs of operation and maintenance of the tower lights and any new costs associated with lighted events (e.g. extraordinary nighttime police details, trash removal, rental and deployment of toilet facilities and grounds maintenance, etc.) shall be borne by the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. The School Committee takes noise annoyance seriously. Compressed air horns and other electrical or mechanical sound generating devices are not allowed at events and actions will be taken as deemed appropriate by the superintendent or superintendent's designee to discourage their use. Any Public Address system will be designed, installed and operated to comply at all times with all relevant town rules and regulations
5. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall address complaints bearing upon the implementation of this policy, but the School Committee recognizes its ultimate responsibility for the policy design.
6. It is the intention of the School Committee to review this policy following the first season of lighted games and periodically thereafter.

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