

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

The School Board encourages the active interest and involvement of parents and citizens in the public schools. In order to avoid interruption of the instructional program and to promote the safety of students and staff, building principals shall institute administrative procedures concerning visitors to the schools. Such procedures shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

The following general guidelines shall be incorporated in all building-level administrative procedures concerning visitors.

- A. The term “visitor” shall apply to any person on school grounds or in school buildings who is not an employee or student of the school unit.
- B. All visitors are required to check in at the school office to sign in before proceeding to contact any persons in the building or on the school grounds. This section shall not apply to parents or citizens who have been invited to the school for an open house, performance, or other preplanned school program.
- C. All visitors who wish to visit classrooms, observe aspects of the instructional program or meet with staff members are expected to schedule such visits in advance. Teachers and other staff may not use instructional time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
- D. Individual School Board members shall follow the same procedures as other visitors, and state whether they are visiting the schools on personal business or in connection with Board duties.
- E. Visitors shall comply with all applicable Board policies and school rules. Visitors who violate these policies/rules and/or disrupt the safe and orderly operation of the school shall be asked to leave the premises.
- F. During the course of a regular instructional school day, no visitor shall be allowed to photograph, record audio, or videotape any person or any part of the building or to tape record any conversation of any kind without prior approval by the building principal.
- G. The building administrator/designee has the authority to refuse entry to school grounds or buildings to persons who do not have legitimate, school-related business and/or who may disrupt the operations of the schools. This may include, but not be limited to, the news media, profit-making

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businesses, fundraisers and other organizations seeking access to students and/or staff.

- H. School staff shall report unauthorized persons on school grounds or in school buildings to the building administrator/designee. Unauthorized persons shall be directed to leave the premises immediately.
- I. All persons, including but not limited to, students, parents/guardians, employees, visitors and members of the general public are prohibited from the use of foul, profane and abusive language whether spoken or written. Consequences of such actions will result in offenders being formally banned from the building, and charges of Disorderly Conduct may be filed.
- J. The building administrator/designee may request the assistance of law enforcement as necessary to deal with unauthorized persons or violations of the law by visitors to the schools.

Cross Reference:   BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics  
                          EBCA –Emergency Management Plan  
                          ECA – Buildings and Grounds Security  
                          JLIB – Student Dismissal Precautions  
                          JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect  
                          KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

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