

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL REGULATION

Visitors to the schools of the district shall be governed by the following rules:

1. Each Building Principal shall establish and maintain a safety plan outlining the process for registration and authorization for visits to his/her school. Such plans shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for approval, and thereafter be made available in the Principal's office and anyone interested in visiting the school.
2. The Principal of the school must be contacted by the person or group wishing to visit, and prior approval must be obtained for the visit. The request must contain the purpose and length of time for the visit.
3. Visitors are expected to be acting on their own, or for the benefit of their own children, not as part of any organized group, pressure group, political group, private corporation, or any other group with the potential to disrupt the proper functioning of the school program.
4. Parents or guardians wishing to speak with a specific teacher concerning the progress of a child must make an appointment with the teacher, in addition to obtaining the permission of the school's Principal.
5. All visitors must report to the main office, sign in, and be issued a visitor's permit, which must be displayed at all times. The permit must be returned to the main office and the visitor must sign out at the conclusion of the visit.
6. Students wishing to invite student visitors to the school must obtain a visitor's permission form from the Main Office and have it completed before the end of the day prior to the day of the visit. The form must be accompanied by a note from the parents of both the host and guest student.
7. No student may be a guest when his/her school is in session.
8. Student visitors shall not be permitted after the end of May.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education may refuse any individual or group access to the schools or classrooms when the stated purpose of the visitation is not judged to be reasonable or in the best interest of the students.
10. Visits by Board members shall be in accordance with any notice or other restrictions established by collective bargaining agreements.
11. Registration shall not be required for school functions open to the public, whether or not school-related.
12. Parents are encouraged to visit guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists and other support personnel, by appointment, in order to discuss any problems or concerns the parent may have regarding the student, whether or not school-related.
13. Any visitor wishing to inspect school records or interview students on school premises must comply with all applicable Board policies and administrative regulations. In questionable cases, the visitor shall be directed to the Superintendent's office to obtain written permission for such a visit.

14. The Principal is authorized to take any action necessary to secure the safety of students and school personnel. Unauthorized visitors shall be requested to leave school premises immediately, and will be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing, pursuant to the New York State Penal Law, if they refuse.

Cross-ref: 1520, Public Conduct on School Property

Ref: Education Law ' ' 1708; 2801

We would caution the district that number 9 should not be applied in an unconstitutional manner, e.g., discriminating against groups because of their beliefs, etc.

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