

Community Relations

Visitors To and Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this policy:

“School property” – District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes, and any location used for a School Board meeting, a school athletic event, or other school-sponsored event.

“Visitor” – Any person other than an enrolled student or an employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Attendance Office and receive permission to remain on school property. On those occasions when large groups of parents and friends are invited onto school property, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials’ instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Any person wishing to confer with a staff member must contact that staff member by telephone to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held outside school hours or during the teacher’s conference/preparation period.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a School Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person;
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language;
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object than can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device;
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property;
5. Damage or deface school property;
6. Violate any Illinois law or town or county ordinance;
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products;
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, distribute, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or illegal drug; be present when the person’s alcohol or illegal drug consumption is detectible by behavior regardless of when and/or where the use occurred;
9. Use or possess medical cannabis;
10. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
11. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the School Board;
12. Operate a motor vehicle in (a) a risky manner (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee’s directive;
13. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding, or
14. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
15. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a school function.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender is:

1. A parent/guardian of a student attending the school and the parent/guardian is: (i) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion and notifies the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school, or
2. Has permission to be present from the Superintendent, designee, or the School Board. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school property; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

Procedures to Deny Future Admissions to School Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to school events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board. The Superintendent may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time, and place of the Board hearing
2. A description of the prohibited conduct:
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied, and
4. Instructions on how to waive the hearing.

LEGAL REF.: Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School District, 730 N.E. 2d 96 (Ill. App. 4, 2000)
Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. § 7181 et seq.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b and 5/24-24, and 5/24-25.
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.
430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

CROSS REF.: 4.170, 6.250, 7.190, 8.20

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