

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

The School Board welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. But in order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to invoke visitor controls.

The Superintendent or principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this Corporation or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

- A. Persons wishing to visit the School are to make arrangements in advance through the school office. Any person who comes onto School property without registering at the office is trespassing and may be reported to the authorities.
- B. No visitor may see a student in school unless it is with the specific approval of the principal. If an emergency situation requires that a student be called to the office to meet with a visitor, a member of the administrative staff must be present during the conference. A student will not be permitted to leave the School with anyone who is not clearly identified as his/her parent or an appropriately-authorized person.
- C. Students may not bring guests to School unless permission to do so has been granted by the principal.
- D. No staff member is allowed to transact business with a visitor who has not duly registered at the School office and received authorization to be present for the purpose of conducting business.

Classroom Visitations

Because classroom visitations can be distracting to the students, it has been necessary to establish the following guidelines:

- A. Parents, other than those who have been asked by a teacher to be in the classroom, who wish to observe learning activities taking place in their child's classroom are to confer, in advance, with the principal and the teacher and state the purpose of the visitation.
- B. Visitations will not be allowed during examinations and independent study periods.
- C. A visitation should be no longer than sixty (60) minutes or one (1) class period.
- D. The number of visitors at any one (1) time should not exceed two (2) parents.
- E. The frequency of visits for any student's parents should be no more than two (2) every grading period.
- F. Parents are to be silent observers and are not to create any type of disturbance or disruption to the learning process.
- G. Copies of instructional materials being used by the students or teacher may be requested of the teacher but not always be immediately available during the visitation.
- H. Any comments made by individual students are to be maintained in confidence by the visitor to the activity.

- I. Use of audio or visual equipment to record classroom activities must be approved by the principal and the teacher. No visitor shall be allowed to videotape students in the classroom as it violates the privacy rights of students unrelated to the visitor.
- J. If a visitor wishes to tape record a conversation or meeting with a teacher or the principal, s/he should request permission from the teacher or principal.
- K. Any comments or concerns are to be discussed with the teacher before or after the school day when students are not present.
- L. Visitors are encouraged to meet with the principal and teacher during noninstructional hours to discuss the observation and to obtain answers to their questions. If a parent has a concern about what may be transpiring in his/her child's classroom, s/he should discuss the concern first with the teacher and, if the concern is not satisfied, make arrangements to discuss the matter with the principal.