

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

For purposes of this policy:

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

**“Visitor”** - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to initially report to the Building Principal’s office or designated entrance and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must show identification and wear a visitor’s badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, 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.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher’s conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student, for purposes of assessing the student’s special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Such requests shall be approved in accordance with State law.

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 shall (including visitors, students, and employees) perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass or intimidate a staff member, 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 that 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 District property;
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance;
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes;
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, distribute, or be impaired by or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drugs;
9. Be present when the person’s alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred;
10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley’s Law*;
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the School Board;
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee’s directive;
14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, skateboarding or hover-boarding

15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or any authorized District employee's directive; and
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or school.

**Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent**

Upon notifying the Building Principal's office, authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative, will be provided reasonable access to employees in the bargaining unit they represent in accordance with State law. Such access shall be conducted in a manner that will not impede the normal operations of the District.

**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 School Board, Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. 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 grounds or in any school building; 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.

As circumstances warrant, the Superintendent or designee shall take the appropriate action to enforce this policy including requesting the person to immediately leave school property, contacting law enforcement, and seeking to deny future admission to school events or meetings according to provision in Board policy 8:40 Spectator Conduct at School Events.

**Procedures to Deny Future Admission 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 ten 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 a hearing.

LEGAL REF.: Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4<sup>th</sup> Dist. 2000).  
20 U.S.C. §7181 et. seq., Pro-Children Act of 1994.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/22-33, 5/24-25, and 5/27-23.7(a).  
115 ILCS 5/3(c), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.  
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.  
430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.  
410 ILCS 705/, Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.  
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities); 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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