

VISITORS TO AND CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY - Policy 8:30

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, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.

Visitor - Any person other than an enrolled student or employee.

During the school day, all visitors to school property are required to report to the security checkpoint and receive permission to remain on school property. Visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. 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 arrange an appointment.

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. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people 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, 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 property;
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance;
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products or electronic cigarettes;
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product or illegal drug;
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 they have 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 technology 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 Board;
 13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 15 miles per hour unless otherwise designated, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive;
 14. Engage in any behavior that could endanger oneself or another;
 15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee; or
 16. 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 has permission to be present from the 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.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Please refer to the current Cumulative Agreement between the Board of Education of District 214 and The District 214 Education Association.

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 athletic events or extracurricular events for up to one calendar year in accordance with the procedures below.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to Athletic or Extracurricular School Events

Before any person may be denied admission to athletic or extracurricular school events, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board.

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For the safety of our students and staff and in accordance with State law, all visitors must sign in at the security desk and obtain a visitor's pass. A credential exchange is also required. Students who are enrolled in district alternative programs must receive prior administrative approval before visiting the home school. Students are expected to stay on their home school campus during the school day and are not permitted to visit other district campuses without prior administrative approval.

Note: Access to classrooms and personnel within the building is permitted in limited situations according to Board policy and procedure 6:120 - Education of Children with Disabilities. Contact the Student Services Office in the school for more information and to arrange for classroom visitation.

The Sex Offender Community Notification Law requires the Superintendent and Building Principal to notify parent(s)/ guardian(s) during school registration that information about sex offenders is available to the public. Please know that information about sex offenders can be found at the following link to the Statewide Sex Offender Registry and the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry: www.isp.state.il.us/sor/

For more information, reference Board policy 4:175 - Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screenings; Notifications.

