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903 VISITORS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform the school community and the general public of the position of the school board on visitors to school buildings and other school property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board encourages interest on the part of parents and community members in school programs and student activities. The school board welcomes visits to school buildings and school property by parents/**guardians** and community members provided the visits are consistent with the health, education and safety of students and employees and are conducted within the procedures and requirements established by the school district.
- B. The school board reaffirms its position on the importance of maintaining a school environment that is safe for students and employees and free of activity that may be disruptive to the student learning process or employee working environment.

III. POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS STUDENTS

- A. A student enrolled in a post-secondary enrollment options course may remain at the school site during regular school hours in accordance with established procedures.
- B. A student enrolled in a post-secondary enrollment options course may be provided with reasonable access, during regular school hours, to a computer and other technology resources that the student needs to complete coursework for a post-secondary enrollment course in accordance with established procedures.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school district administration shall present recommended visitor and post-secondary enrollment options student procedures and requirements to the school board for review and approval. The procedures should reflect input from employees, students and advisory groups, and shall be communicated to the school community and the general public. Upon approval by the school board, such procedures and requirements shall be an addendum to this policy.
- B. The superintendent shall be responsible for providing coordination that may be needed throughout the process and providing for periodic school board review and approval of the procedures.

V. VISITOR LIMITATIONS

- A. **Third party access to school sites will not be allowed without prior authority. The site administrator shall not permit third party access to the school site that would cause disruption to the learning environment.**
- B. School personnel must contact the District Office immediately if approached by immigration law enforcement agents. District administrators must also attempt to contact the parents or guardians of any student involved.

- C. Staff will process requests by unauthorized visitors. The request will include:
1. Request identification including badges, ids, contact information and place of work. Document and photocopy information received;
 2. Request official documentation of the purpose of visit. This may include a judicial warrant or court order. Documents will be photocopied;
 3. Request and retain notes of the names of the students and the reasons for the requests;
 4. Contact students' parents or guardians, and do not provide information or conjecture about the students such as their schedule or behavior;
 5. If a visitor has questions, provide a copy of this policy;
- D. An individual, post-secondary enrollment options student, or group may be denied permission to visit a school or school property or such permission may be revoked if the visitor(s) does not comply with the school district procedures and regulations or if the visit is not in the best interest of students, employees or the school district.
- E. Visitors, including post-secondary enrollment options students, are authorized to park vehicles on school property at times and in locations specified in the approved visitor procedures and requirements ~~which are an addendum to this policy or as otherwise specifically~~ authorized by school officials. When unauthorized vehicles of visitors are parked on school property, school officials may:
1. move the vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move it off school district property; or
 2. if unattended, provide for the removal of the vehicle, at the expense of the owner or operator, to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safety off of school property.
 3. ~~if unattended, attach an immobilization device to the vehicle, at the expense of the owner or operator.~~
- F. An individual, post-secondary enrollment options student, or group who enters school property without complying with the procedures and requirements may be guilty of criminal trespass and thus subject to criminal penalty. Such persons may be detained by the school principal or a person designated by the school principal in a reasonable manner for a reasonable period of time pending the arrival of a police officer.

VI. VOLUNTEERS

- A. The School Board, recognizing that educational excellence can only be achieved by using all the resources available in our community, supports the use of volunteers in the classroom and in other locations within school buildings as a method by which teachers and students may receive additional assistance. The purpose of the volunteer program is:
1. To provide positive adult relationships to students.
 2. To provide individualized attention for students.
 3. To provide enrichment for students.
 4. To provide an added dimension of self-esteem and self-confidence for students.

- 5. To assist in providing supervision for special student activities.
- 6. To provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to become more familiar with school activities and/or operations.

- B. The School District will provide an inservice for volunteers as an assurance that the presence of volunteers will not result in a higher student ratio and that confidentiality of students will be maintained.

- C. The use of volunteers is at the discretion of each building's administration.

- D. The district staff member within a school that has accepted the use of volunteers will assume the responsibility for the effectiveness of the volunteer(s).

- E. Volunteers must follow visitor procedures in section V.

- F. Ways in which a volunteer may be used in a school include, but are not limited to: instructional assistance, assisting with materials and equipment, non-instructional assistance, creativeness in areas of personal interest or talent, and participation in a school's structured program offerings.

- G. Volunteers should be supervised by professional staff who remain present at all times when volunteers work with students. Unsupervised volunteers must have a current background check on file with the district office.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act)
Minn. Stat. § 128C.08 (Assaulting a Sports Official Prohibited)
Minn. Stat. § 609.605, Subd. 4 (Trespass)

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