

Community Relations

VISITS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Superintendent or designee shall post at every entrance to each school and school grounds a notice setting forth school hours, visitor registration location and requirements, penalties for refusing to leave school grounds, and any other announcements required by the local law enforcement agency in order to pursue the arrest of persons found loitering or trespassing. (Education Code 32211, Penal Code 627.6)

Immediately upon entering any school building or grounds, any person who is not a student of the school or a district officer or employee shall, when school is in session, report his/her presence and the reason for visiting the school to the principal or designee. Any person the principal or designee asks to leave school grounds shall promptly comply.

The principal or designee may provide visible means of identification to be used by all visitors while on school premises.

All staff members should watch for strangers on school grounds and ask such persons if they have registered in the school office. Staff shall inform the principal when anyone is present who refuses to comply with the registration requirement.

Any possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons or devices shall be reported immediately to the principal or designee and may be reported to the local law enforcement agency.

Any visitor who fails to register within a reasonable time after entering the school grounds, who fails to leave upon request of the principal or designee, or who returns after leaving pursuant to such a request has committed an unlawful act and may be prosecuted according to law.

Any person who complies with the principal or designee's request to depart from school grounds may appeal to the Superintendent, designee or principal. The written request for a hearing must be made within five days after the person's departure from school and must state why the request to depart was improper. The request also must provide an address to which a hearing notice may be sent. Upon receipt of the request for a hearing, the Superintendent, designee or principal shall mail a notice of the hearing to the person requesting it. The hearing shall be held within seven days after receipt of the request.

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The decision of the Superintendent, designee or principal may be appealed to the Governing Board. The Board shall consider and decide the matter at the next regular public Board meeting for which it can be placed on the agenda. The Board's decision shall be final.