

Visitors to Schools

The Board encourages parents/guardians and other citizens of the District to visit classrooms, activities and functions at any time to observe the work of the schools. The Board believes that there is no better way for the public to learn more about what the schools actually are doing.

The District will make reasonable efforts to accommodate requests to visit the District's schools, yet also recognize concerns for the welfare of students. Therefore, the District limits visitors to:

1. Parents/guardians of current students;
2. Other family members of current students who are approved by the student's parent/guardian; and
3. Board members and other persons invited by the District for official business purposes.

To ensure that visitors do not disrupt the educational process or other school operations and that no unauthorized persons enter schools, all visitors shall report to the school office immediately when entering a school. Visitors shall be asked to show proper identification and the reason for being at school. Authorized visitors shall: (1) be required to sign in and out; (2) be given name tags to wear identifying themselves as visitors; and (3) may be accompanied by a District employee for some or all of the visit. School administrators may approve additional building procedures pertaining to school visitors to preserve a proper and safe learning environment.

Unauthorized persons shall not loiter on school property at any time. Law enforcement authorities may be called to enforce this policy provision.

Visiting schools is a privilege, not a right, which may be limited, denied or revoked by a school administrator or designee based on considerations of student and/or staff safety, efficient school operations, maintenance of a proper educational environment, or failure to comply with this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 18-9-109 (Interference with school staff and students)
C.R.S. 18-9-110 (trespass, interference at or in public buildings)
C.R.S. 18-9-112 (loitering)
C.R.S. 18-9-117 (unlawful conduct on public property)
C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (unlawfully carrying a weapon)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(7) (open school policy is a required part of school safety plan)

CROSS REF.: ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools
ECAB, Access to District Facilities
KFA, Public Conduct on School Property

CONTRACT REF.: SVVEA Agreement, Article 31–Association Rights

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