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9150 - **SCHOOL VISITORS**

The School Board ~~welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. But~~ understands that parents or other persons with legitimate educational purposes may visit the school; however, in order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to invoke visitor controls.

The Superintendent or principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this Corporation or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Persons who have been entered into the State Sex and Violent Offender Registry or the equivalent Federal registry will not be permitted access to school grounds, except as otherwise required to comply with State or Federal law.

Persons who meet the definition of Serious Sex Offender under Indiana law will not be permitted access to school grounds, except as otherwise required to comply with State or Federal law.

Visits by persons other than parents, including but not limited to outside therapists, doctors or other service providers, are subject to administrative guidelines established by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall promulgate such administrative guidelines as are necessary for the protection of students and employees of the Corporation from disruption to the educational program or the efficient conduct of their assigned tasks.

Rules regarding entry of persons other than students, staff, and faculty upon school grounds or premises shall be posted conspicuously at or near the entrance to such grounds or premises if there are no formal entrances, and at the main entrance to each school building.

Individual Board members who are interested in visiting schools or classrooms on an unofficial basis shall make the appropriate arrangements with the principal. In keeping with Board bylaws, such Board member visits shall not be considered to be official unless designated as such by the Board.

The Board member shall be visiting as an interested individual in a similar capacity of any parent or citizen of the community. These visits should not be considered to be inspections nor as supervisory in nature.

If, during a visit to a school or program, a Board member observes a situation or condition which causes concern, ~~s/he~~ the Board member should discuss the situation first with the Superintendent as soon as convenient or appropriate. Such a report or discussion shall not be considered an official one from the Board.

If the Board member believes the situation or condition serious enough, ~~s/he~~ the Board member may wish to ~~also~~ inform the Superintendent in addition to the principal.

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