

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Visitors to Schools

The Governing Board of Trustees supports the concept of partnerships between school and community, particularly students' parents and guardians.

The Board encourages parents and guardians and other interested community members to visit district schools and observe the educational program, provided the visit does not jeopardize student or staff safety, does not disrupt or distract from the learning environment, and provided the school's normal operation can be maintained. The Board and Superintendent invite parents, guardians, and the community to open house activities and other special events.

To ensure minimum interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent shall establish procedures to facilitate visits during regular school days. Except in emergencies, parents and guardians should arrange in advance visits and conferences that will occur during school hours. Parent/guardian-teacher conferences will generally be scheduled during non-instructional time.

To ensure student and staff safety and to avoid potential disruptions, all visitors to a school during hours when the school is open shall report to the school office when first entering school grounds and shall follow school procedures for checking in and out of the school and for visiting classrooms and grounds. No electrical listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in the classroom without the teacher and principal's permission (Education Code Section 51512).

Persons invited to the school for the purpose of attending a specific performance, meeting, or other event may report directly to the event's location without first visiting the office. School principals or their designees may, in accordance with state law, order off campus any person, other than a student or employee assigned to the school, who commits acts that disrupt or are likely to disrupt the educational program or other school activities.

Legal References:	California Education Code
	32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting
	32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor
	32212 Classroom interruptions; legislative intent
	35292 Visits to schools (Board members)
	44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct
	44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities
	Penal Code
	627-627.10 Access to school premises
	626.7 Failure to leave campus or facility; wrongful return; penalties; notice; exceptions
	626.8 Disruptive presence at schools; specified sex offenders; offenses; punishment; notification

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