

School Visitation Rights of Non-Students

Purpose

This policy extends visitation rights to non-students within certain parameters, and provides for dispute resolution when such visitation authorization may be withheld.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent, District administrators, teachers and visitors.

Policy

1. The paramount concern of the district is the welfare of students and the orderly operation of the educational process. At the same time, in order to promote understanding and communication with the parents and community at large, the Board of Directors recognizes that parents and other members of the public ought to be able to visit schools and observe the educational program. In order to encourage the latter with a minimum disruption of the educational program the following conditions govern the visitation of non-students in the schools of the district:
 - (a) All visitors to a school or classroom shall obtain the permission of the principal or supervisor in charge.
 - (b) If the visit is to a classroom the approval may be deferred by the principal or supervisor until an appropriate time when a visit can be arranged with the teacher.
 - (c) If the purpose of the classroom visitation is to observe learning and teaching activities the visitor may be required to confer with the teacher before or after the observation to enhance understanding of the activities.
 - (d) The principal or supervisor may withhold approval if particular events (such as testing) would be adversely affected by a visit. Similarly, if a visitor's presence becomes disruptive the principal or supervisor may withdraw approval. In either case the principal or supervisor shall give reason for the action.
2. If a dispute arises regarding limitations upon or withholding of approval for visits:
 - (a) The visitor shall first discuss the matter with the building principal.
 - (b) If it is not satisfactorily resolved the visitor may request a meeting with the district Superintendent. The latter shall promptly meet with the visitor, investigate the dispute, and render a written decision which will be final, subject only to the citizen's right to raise an issue in open meeting at a regular session of the Board of Directors.

Related Procedures

N/A

Policy Cross References

N/A

Policy Legal References

N/A

Management Resources

N/A

Policy History

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