

### PUBLIC CONDUCT AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School-sponsored or approved activities are an important part of the program and offer students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities not available during the regular school day. School-sponsored or approved activities are provided for the enjoyment and the opportunity for involvement they afford the students.

Spectators are permitted and encouraged to attend these activities as guests of the District, and, accordingly as a condition of such permission they must comply with the District's rules and policies. Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, other spectators or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school-sponsored or approved activities. Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship. The failure of spectators to do so is disruptive and embarrassing to students, the District and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference and to allow sponsors and officials of such activities to perform without interferences, the following provisions shall be in effect:

- Abusive, verbal or physical conduct of spectators directed at participants, officials or staff involved in such activities will not be tolerated.
- Verbal or physical conduct of spectators that interferes with the performance of students, officials or staff involved in such activities will not be tolerated.
- The use of vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression directed at students, officials or staff participating in such activities will not be tolerated.

If a spectator at an approved or sponsored activity becomes physically abusive, verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene or demeaning language or in any way impeded the performance of an activity, the spectator may be asked to leave the event by the school official in charge of the event. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may recommend, to the Board of Education, the exclusion of the spectator at future sponsored or approved activities.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall cause a notice of exclusion at District sponsored or approved activities to be sent to the spectator involved. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall advise the spectator of the District's right to exclude the individual from District activities and events for the duration of the exclusion. If the spectator disobeys school officials and the District's order, law enforcement authorities may be contacted and requested to remove the spectator. If the spectator has been notified of exclusion and thereafter attends a District sponsored or approved activity, the spectator shall be advised that his/her attendance will result in persecution. The District may seek to obtain a court order to bar the individual from future District sponsored or approved activities.

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- (cf. 1250 – Visits to the Schools)
- (cf. 1251 – Loitering or Causing Disturbances)
- (cf. 1316 – Conduct on School Property)
- (cf. 1320 – Relations between the Public and School Personnel)
- (cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)
- (cf. 1331 – Smoke Free Environment)
- (cf. 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property)
- (cf. 3517.2 – Vandalism)
- (cf. 5131.5 – Vandalism)
- (cf. 6145.22 – Sportsmanship)
- (cf. 6145.71 – Use of Alcohol by Adults)

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 1-225 Meetings of the government agents to be public  
                                 1-232 Conduct of the meeting  
                                 10-220 Duties of boards of education  
                                 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rule(s), policies, and procedures  
                                 10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education  
                                 10-239 Use of school facilities for other purposes  
                                 53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C misdemeanor.