

Community Relations

Visits to the Schools

Any visitor to the schools should be directed to proceed to the main office or security desk. Permission may be granted to visit classrooms upon requests. Visitor passes will be issued by the office. Any person found in the building without a proper pass should be reported to the security desk or authorized school personnel immediately.

Parents who come to school to discuss matters with teachers should be advised to make appointments. A teacher may properly refer to the office any parent who is without an appointment and who interferes in any way with a class or other scheduled activity.

The Board of Education and staff of the school system welcome and strongly encourage members of the community and other interested persons to visit the schools. School improvements often come from suggestions originating in such visits.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to establish such regulations as will:

1. Encourage visitors to observe our schools;
2. Require all visitors to register in the office of the Principal upon their arrival at the school;
3. Channel expressions of approval as well as constructive criticism to the Board;
4. Ensure that such visits will enhance the effect of the educational program rather than hinder it; and
5. Provide for appropriate hospitality for visitors.

Board Member Visits

Board of Education members who visit schools of their own volition do so only as any other citizen. Board members have authority only in regularly called meetings of the Board, or when delegated specific tasks by Board action, which may take them into the schools.

Principal Authority to Ensure a Safe and Orderly Environment

The Principal or her/his designee shall have complete authority to exclude from the school premises any persons whom s/he has reason to believe are disrupting the educational programs in the classroom or in the school, are disturbing the teachers or students on the premises, or whom the Principal believes are on the premises for the purpose of committing an illegal act.

(cf. 9030 - Limits of Authority)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C misdemeanor.