

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Lower Merion School District

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Section: COMMUNITY
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R904 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The Board establishes the following regulations with respect to attendance at school events which are designated as open to the public. District students will continue to be covered by applicable codes of student conduct at all times.

Members of the public who attend school events are required to follow all rules and regulations posted or otherwise in effect at the school or other location where the school event is taking place. Violations of Board Policy and any accompanying Administrative Regulation, posted rules/regulations, and any applicable law or ordinance shall be grounds for dismissal from the school event without a refund, if applicable. The District reserves the right to notify law enforcement of any such violation and request assistance in handling such violation to the extent necessary.

Key District policies for guests include, but are not limited to:

- Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment, Bullying & Hazing

The Lower Merion School District is an equal opportunity educational institution that prohibits discrimination, harassment, and/or other unfair treatment on the basis of handicap/disability, race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity or national origin.

- Civility

The District strives to establish and enhance an atmosphere where people are encouraged and expected to exhibit language, attitudes, and behavior that foster sound educational practices and allow people to grow socially and academically. In addition, the District has established a process for redress of such concerns. See LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 006 (Civility). It is the District's position that rude, abusive, or intolerant behavior erodes education and that disrespect shall be addressed when it occurs. Therefore, the District expects all administrative, professional and classified staff, all students, parents, board members and other members of the school community to role model civility even in the most difficult of circumstances.

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- Weapons

The Board prohibits the possession of weapons and firearms on all school property at all times.

- Tobacco

The Board prohibits the use of tobacco on all school property at all times. For purposes of this Policy and Administrative Regulation, this prohibition applies to all forms of tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and electronic smoking products.

- Alcohol / Controlled Substances

The Board prohibits the consumption, sale and possession of alcohol, controlled substances, or other intoxicants on all school property at all times. No intoxicated person shall be permitted on school property, and anyone found on school property in an intoxicated state will be asked to leave and be subject to referral to law enforcement for criminal prosecution.

- Service Animals

Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by a service animal while on District property for events that are open to the general public in accordance with Board Policy and state and federal law and regulations. No other animals are permitted absent prior approval in writing from the Superintendent or designee.

- Fee Schedule

Entrance and ticket fees to school events open to the public are kept to a minimum in order to encourage attendance by members of the public. The principal, as the Superintendent's designee, shall establish fees based on recommendations from Activity and Athletic Directors. The Superintendent may, from time to time, designate other individuals to establish fees with respect to District-wide events.

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Cross References:

LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 006 (Civility)
LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 235 (Student Rights and Responsibilities)
LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 246 (Harassment, Bullying & Hazing)
LMSD Policies & Administrative Regulations 346/446/546 (Prohibited Harassment by and of Employees and Other Members of the School Community)
LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 718 (Service Animals in Schools)
LMSD Policy 815 (Smoking Tobacco Usage)