

Visitors to Schools

The district will make reasonable efforts to accommodate requests to visit the district's schools, yet also recognizes concerns for the welfare of students. Therefore, the district limits visitors to:

1. Parents/guardians of current students;
2. Other family members of current students who are approved by the student's parent/guardian; and
3. Board members and other persons invited by the district for official business purposes.

To ensure visitors do not disrupt the educational process or other school operations and that no unauthorized persons enter the school, all visitors must report to the school office immediately when entering a school. Authorized visitors shall (1) be required to sign in and out; (2) be given nametags to wear identifying themselves as visitors; and (3) be accompanied by a district employee for some or all of the visit. School administrators may approve additional building procedures pertaining to school visitors to preserve a proper and safe learning environment.

Unauthorized persons may not loiter on school property at any time. Law Enforcement authorities may be called to enforce this policy provision.

Visiting schools is a privilege, not a right, which may be limited, denied or revoked by a school administrator or designee based on considerations of student and/or staff health safety, efficient school operations, maintenance of a proper educational environment, or failure to comply with this policy. In May 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Protection issued "Considerations for Schools" in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. This information stated that one strategy schools may use to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is to "[l]imit any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as possible."

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C.R.S. 18-12-105.5
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (7) *(Board must adopt open school policy)*

CROSS REFS. ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools
CF, SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
EBBA, Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission
ECA/ECAB, Security/Access to Buildings
JLCC, Communicable/Infectious Diseases
JLIA, Security and Supervision of Students
KFA, Public Conduct on School Property

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