Mapleton Public Schools

Policy KI

Visitors to Schools

Mapleton Public Schools (the "District") believes parent and community presence on school grounds is important to developing students into well-rounded adults. However, to protect the safety and security of our schools, this policy places limitations on public access to schools.

Visiting schools is a privilege, not a right, which may be limited, denied, or revoked by a school or District administrator 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.

The District limits visitors to schools. When allowed by school or District administration, the following individuals are permitted to access schools:

1. Parents/guardians of current students;
2. Other family members of current students who are approved by the student's parent/guardian;
3. Board members and other persons invited by the District for official business purposes;
4. Contracted maintenance personnel;
5. Emergency services personnel as appropriate;
6. Individuals or groups with whom the district has executed a valid rental agreement.

To ensure visitors do not disrupt the educational process or other school operations, and to ensure that no unauthorized persons enter our schools, all visitors must report to the school office immediately when entering a school. Authorized visitors may be required to sign in and out, wear badges/name tags identifying themselves as visitors, and be accompanied by a District employee for some or part of their visit. School administrators may approve additional building procedures pertaining to school visitors to preserve a proper and safe learning environment.

Community members are welcome to visit the designated public areas of our school campuses during school hours but will be limited in accessing other areas during those hours. After school hours, community members may be allowed to utilize the outside

recreational areas on school grounds. Community members are expected to utilize District grounds respectfully and to refrain from willfully damaging or defacing District buildings and grounds. Any individual who fails to comply with these expectations may be subject to criminal penalties.

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

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 18-9-109 (*interference with school staff or students*)

C.R.S. § 18-9-110 (*trespass, interference at or in public buildings*)

C.R.S. § 18-9-112 (*definition of loitering*)

C.R.S. § 18-9-117 (*unlawful conduct on public property*)

C.R.S. § 18-12-105.5 (*unlawful possession of weapons on school property*)

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

CROSS REFERENCES:

ADC: Tobacco-Free Schools

CF: School Building Administration

EBBA: Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids)

ECA/ECAB: Security/Access to Buildings

JLCC: Communicable/Infectious Diseases

KFA: Public Conduct on School Property