

Stafford Township Board of Education Policy

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School Visitors

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The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parent(s) or legal guardian(s), other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, the board directs the enforcement of rules governing school visits.

The Board of Education and School Administration each possess the authority to prohibit the entry of any person into a school of this district or to expel any person from the school when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be inimical to the good order of the school or may be banned by the Board of Education and School Administration for any reason at any time. If such a person refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the Principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Classroom Observations and Private Clinicians

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain a secure, stable, and undisrupted educational environment. Except as required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or an approved Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) conducted in strict compliance with District criteria, the District does not permit outside, parent-employed, or privately retained professional consultants—including but not limited to Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), behaviorists, therapeutic aides, or private tutors—to conduct ongoing student consultations, observations, data collection, or direct interventions on school grounds during regular school hours.

The Superintendent or building Principal retains absolute discretion to permit or deny any school visit, observation, or consultation. Authorized observations by outside entities, when permitted in writing by the administration, shall be strictly limited in duration, must be closely escorted by a district staff member, and must not disrupt the classroom instruction or infringe upon the privacy rights of other students.

Visitors shall be required to register their presence in the school with the district's main office secretary and if not a regular, known visitor will be escorted to their destination. Visitors will be given a badge which must be worn at all times. Visitors must return to the school main office secretary to sign out before exiting the building. No staff member shall transact business with or permit the continuing presence in the school of a visitor who has not been duly registered.

No visitor may confer with a pupil in school without the approval of the Principal; any such conference may take place only in the presence of a teaching staff member and/or administrator, except as required by law.

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The Superintendent shall develop regulations that will protect pupils and employees of the district from disruption to the educational program and the efficient conduct of their assigned tasks.

For the purposes of this policy, the term "visitors" includes but is not limited to parents/guardians, relatives of staff and contractors/delivery personnel and otherwise defined in Regulation 9150.

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