

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 1250

ADOPTED: 2/24/97

CLASSIFICATION: Community Relations

REVISED: 9/27/04

SUBJECT: Visitors/Guests

The Board encourages visits to the schools and programs operated by the Superintendent by parents/guardians, members of the community, and other interested persons in order to view the education program and facilities and to offer constructive comments.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and avoid potential disruptions, all visitors shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

For the purposes of school safety and security the principal or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors to wear while on school premises.

Parents, community members, and other interested persons may attend school programs such as open house occasions, special program events, and observe classroom activities.

Classroom visits by members of the community and other interested persons should be arranged in advance with the teacher, principal, or principal designee in charge. Approval or denial will be based upon whether there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the visit will interfere with school activities. In all cases, responsible adult behavior shall be required of all visitors.

If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set in advance with the teacher during non instructional time.

Visitors who pose a threat to the health and safety of students, teachers, or other personnel or who otherwise disrupt the normal operations of the school shall be removed.

Possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons, or devices is prohibited on school premises or any other place where a teacher or a student are required to be in connection with assigned school activities. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher and principal's permission.

This Board policy is subordinate to applicable policies and procedures of school districts, community colleges, training institutions, Probation Department, or other agencies having legal jurisdiction over the student.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210	Willful disturbance of public school or meeting
32211	Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor
32212	Classroom interruptions
35292	Visits to schools (board members)
44810	Interference with school program or activity
44811	Disruptions
49334	Notification of law enforcement
51512	Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

PENAL CODE

243.5	Assault or battery on school property
626.8	Disruptive presence at schools
627 - 627.10	Access to school premises
653g	Loitering about schools or public places

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