

## VISITORS IN THE SCHOOLS

### Definitions

This policy defines the following:

- *School property* is defined in NDCC 15.1-19-10(6)(b) as all land within the perimeter of the school site and all school buildings, structures, facilities, and school vehicles, whether owned or leased by a school district, and the site of any school-sponsored event or activity.

### Visitor Expectations

The Board encourages parents and community members to visit district schools to become better informed about day-to-day operations and observe the educational process. Because schools are places of work and learning, visitors shall observe the following requirements when visiting district schools, which are created to ensure the educational environment is not disrupted;

1. Visitors shall comply with applicable state law and district policy/regulations while on school property. No person shall enter school property for unlawful purposes or for purposes unauthorized by the Board. The District shall enforce state law on willful disruption of schools. The Superintendent shall make a reasonable effort to keep the public informed about district policies pertaining to visitors such as, but not limited to, drug, alcohol, and tobacco use; sexual offenders; patron grievances; and other policies designed to maintain order;
2. Visitors are prohibited from engaging in disruptive conduct that is interfering or interrupting the orderly operation/management of the Districts, or that is insulting, harassing, or threatening toward district personnel. Visitors who engage in such conduct will immediately be asked to leave school property;
3. Solicitors are not permitted on school property except when authorized in accordance with state law and/or applicable district policy;
4. Visitors shall be prohibited from videotaping and/or otherwise electronically recording district students and staff. This policy does not apply to visitors electronically recording school-sponsored events not governed by copyright laws and non-school-sponsored activities and events held on school property. The Board may also create an exception to this policy for members of the press; and
5. Public visits to classrooms shall not be for the purpose of evaluating teachers, teaching methods, or curriculum. Visitors who wish to observe a classroom shall schedule their visits in advance according to administrative regulations. Visitors shall agree to follow this policy and any administrative regulations governing classroom observation prior to receiving classroom observation privileges.

### Policy Violations

Individuals who violate any portion of this policy or applicable administrative regulations shall receive a warning that they are in violation of a district policy/regulation and may be asked by the Superintendent, building principal, or designee to leave school property. The Superintendent, building principal, or designee shall ask visitors who repeatedly violate district policy/regulations or willfully disrupt school operations to leave school

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property. If an individual refuses to leave when asked, school administration shall seek the assistance of law enforcement to remove the individual from school property. The Board reserves the right to limit or restrict an individual’s ability to access school property if their conduct is in violation of this policy.

The Superintendent may periodically request a summary as to number and frequency of parent and citizen visits, which in turn will be reported to the Board.

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- ABBA, North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use
- ACCA, Sexual Offenders on School Property
- ACCA-BR, Criteria for Granting Parent Offenders Privileges to Enter School
- DEAA, Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace
- FFA, Student Alcohol & Other Drug Use/Abuse
- HCBB, Sales Calls & Demonstrations
- KAAA-AR, Visitors in Schools Regulations
- KACB, Complaints about Personnel
- KBA, Relations with the News Media

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