

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SUBJECT: Visitors

The County Office of Education encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit the schools, view the educational program, and offer constructive comments.

Besides inviting parents/guardians and the community to open house activities and other special events, the Deputy Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days when all visitors must first register at the school office.

The program administrator or designee may refuse to register any visitor whose acts or presence he/she judges would disrupt normal school operation, threaten the health and safety of students or staff, or cause property damage.

To ensure minimum interruption of the regular classroom program, school visits should be first arranged with the teacher and program administrator or designee. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher for a time before school, after school, or during the teacher's preparation period.

All outsiders as defined in law and administrative regulations shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session. (Penal Code 627.2) When a Riverside County Office of Education class/program is located on a school district site, the policy and guidelines of the host school shall prevail for this purpose.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

For purposes of school safety and security, the site administrator or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher and site administrator's permission. (Education Code 51512)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

The County Office of Education recognizes that under California law, any person whose conduct materially disrupts classwork or extracurricular activities or cause a disturbance on school grounds may be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. When such conduct occurs, the County Superintendent of Schools may take action leading to the imposition of these penalties.

Possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons or devices is prohibited on school premises, on any public right-of-way immediately adjacent to school property, or any other place where a teacher an student(s) are required to be in a connection with assigned school activities.

(cf: 1112 News Media)

(cf: 4158 Employee Protection)

(cf: 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 et seq. Duties, powers of boards

1240 et seq. General duties (superintendent)

1260 Powers to promote advancement of education

1262 Consultative and coordinative services

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting:

misdemeanor

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes;

misdemeanor

35292 Visits to schools (board members)

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities

49334 Injurious objects - notice to law enforcement agency

51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

EVIDENCE CODE

1070 Refusal to disclose news source

LABOR CODE

230.8 Discharge or discrimination for taking time off

PENAL CODE

242.5 Assault or battery on school property

415.5 Disturbance of peace of school;

626 Definitions (re: disruption of schools)

626.4 Notice of withdrawal or consent; report; action on report; reinstatement of consent; hearing; unlawful entry upon campus or facility; punishment

626.6 Committing act, or entry upon campus or facility to commit act, likely to interfere with peaceful activities

626.8 Disruptive presence at schools

626.9-626.10 Bringing or possessing firearms or weapons on school grounds

627-627.3 Access to school premises

627.4 Refusal or revocation of registration

627.5 Hearing request following denial or revocation of registration

627.6 Posted signs

653 Loitering about schools or public places

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

729 Battery on school grounds by a minor