

Gatherings, Events, and Visitors to the Schools During Health Emergency

For the duration of the health emergency, the District shall not allow non school meetings to be held on District property.

Physical meetings, gatherings, and events held on school property for school or District purposes should preferably be limited to outdoor areas including the stadium, field, or other open areas designated by the Board or Superintendent. All attendees at a meeting, gathering, or event are required to honor the applicable health and safety protocols including, but not limited to, physical distancing and sanitation. The District shall provide suitable space for physical distancing to occur and, if practicable, markings and walking routes in the area where the event shall be held to preserve a safe event setting.

Vulnerable individuals (defined by the Centers for Disease Control at the time of this policy's adoption as those age 65 or older or those with serious underlying health conditions) must not attend District meetings, gatherings, or events in person. The District shall accommodate vulnerable individuals so they may participate in the meeting, gathering, or event via electronic means.

All visitors who are not simply picking up a pupil from school or attending a pre-approved meeting must receive explicit permission prior to entering the school property.

All building administrators shall ensure that prominent notices are posted at each entrance requiring that all visitors first report to the administrative office and that any meeting must be pre-approved. This includes all parents, Board members, volunteers, social service workers, invited speakers, maintenance and repair persons not employed by the District, salespersons, representatives of the news media, former students, and any other visitors.

Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time shall not be permitted except with the principal's and teacher's approval, and such visits shall not be permitted if their duration or frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal school environment. All pre-approved visitors to the classroom shall comply with the District's health and safety protocols.

Conferences should be held outside school hours or during the teacher's conference or prep time.

Loitering/Unauthorized Persons

The principal has authority to request assistance from law enforcement if any visitor or unauthorized individual refuses to leave school grounds or creates a disturbance. Violation of District policy may lead to removal from the building or grounds and denial of further access to District buildings or grounds.

Employees shall report to the principal any person loitering on or near a school building or school grounds. The principal may request such unauthorized individual leave or remove him or her from the school premises or area. If the individual does not leave voluntarily or resists removal, law enforcement shall be notified and requested to assist in the removal. The principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent's office immediately if such a situation develops.

Unauthorized persons loitering in or about any school building, or on school grounds shall be asked to leave the premises. Any such person failing to leave the premises shall be considered to be in probable violation of disorderly conduct or trespassing statutes. Law enforcement shall be notified and requested to remove the individual from the building or grounds.

Cross References:   § 4320           Disruption of School Operations  
                          § 4420           Sex Offenders

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