

**VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AND PUBLIC CONDUCT
ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Residents are encouraged to visit the school and to attend school functions, activities and extracurricular events.

In classrooms, visitors must realize that the teacher's first responsibility is to the children and that the teacher will be unable to converse at any length of time with the visitor.

Visitors are asked to check in at the building office if their visit occurs during the regular school day.

Any unauthorized person on school property or any person who behaves in an unsporting manner during an athletic or extracurricular event may be removed from school property. Examples of unsporting conduct include, but are not limited to:

- A. Using vulgar or obscene language or gestures;
- B. Possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance;
- C. Using tobacco products;
- D. Possessing a weapon;
- E. Fighting or otherwise striking, injuring or threatening another person; and
- F. Engaging in any activity that is illegal, disruptive, or may result in criminal charges.

Visitors to the schools and school property shall comply with all applicable Board policies and school rules. Visitors who violate these policies or rules and/or disrupt the safe and orderly operation of the school shall be asked to leave school grounds. The building administrator/designee has the authority to refuse entry to persons who do not have legitimate, school-related business, and/or who may disrupt the safety or operations of the schools.

The building administrator/designee may request the assistance of law enforcement as necessary to deal with unauthorized persons or violations of policies, rules or the law by visitors.

The Superintendent or building administrator/designee is authorized to report incidents involving violence, threats of bodily harm (including bomb threats), possession of a weapon, possession, selling, distribution, or use of illegal substances, or other activity that is illegal or which disrupts the operation of the schools or school activities, and to furnish information concerning such incidents to law enforcement officials.

Legal References: 20-A MRSA § 1001(15)(G)

Cross References: ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
ADC - Tobacco Use and Possession
JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
JICIA- Weapons, Violence and School Safety
KLG - Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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