

**School Visitation Rights of Non-students**

The board welcomes and encourages visits to schools by parents, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators.

In order to allow school visitations with a minimum disruption of the educational program, the following conditions govern the visitation of non-students in the schools of the district.

1. All visitors to a school or classroom shall obtain the permission of the principal or supervisor in charge.
2. If the visit is to a classroom, the approval may be deferred by the principal or supervisor until an appropriate time for the visit can be arranged with the teacher.
3. If the purpose of a classroom visitation is to observe learning and teaching activities, the visitor may be requested to confer with the teacher before or after the observation to enhance understanding of the activities.
4. The principal or supervisor may withhold approval if particular events, such as testing, would be adversely affected by a visit. Similarly, if a visitor's presence becomes disruptive, the principal or supervisor may withdraw approval. In either case, the principal or supervisor shall give reasons for the action.
5. If a dispute arises regarding limitations upon or withholding of approval for visits:
  - 5.1 the visitor shall first discuss the matter with the building principal; then
  - 5.2 if it is not satisfactorily resolved, the visitor may request a meeting with the superintendent or his/her designee. The latter shall meet with the visitor within a reasonable length of time, investigate the dispute, and render a written decision which shall be final, subject only to the citizen's right to raise an issue in open meeting at a regular session of the Board of Directors.

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