Oak Park Elementary School District #97 Bylaws & Policies

9160 - PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The Board of Education welcomes the attendance of members of the community at athletic and other public events held by the schools in the District, but the Board also acknowledges its duty to maintain order and preserve the facilities of the District during the conduct of such events.

The Board directs that no alcoholic beverage, **tobacco** or other controlled substances be possessed, consumed, or distributed, **nor any betting occur**, **at any function sponsored by the District or** at any function occurring on District premises. **Raffles and similar forms of fundraising by District-related organizations may be permitted by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Policy 9211 (Parent Support Organizations) and Policy 9700 (Relations with Special Interest Groups).**

The Board holds the legal authority to bar the attendance of or remove any person whose conduct may constitute a disruption at a school event. School administrators have the authority to call law enforcement officials if a person violates posted regulations or does not leave school property when requested. They are also authorized to use detectors and other devices to better ensure the safety and well-being of participants and visitors. If a student or adult is asked to leave or is removed from a school event, no admission fees shall be refunded.

The Board may make and enforce reasonable rules of conduct and sportsmanship for athletic and extracurricular school events. Any person who violates such rules may be denied admission to school events for not more than one year, provided that written 10 days notice of the violation is given such person and a hearing had thereon by the board pursuant to its rules and regulations.

Service animals used by persons requiring this type of assistance shall be permitted in all District facilities and at all school events. The person may be asked to provide evidence of the animal's certification for that purpose.

The Board is aware of the increasing desire of many parents and other members of an audience to use camcorders and other audio/visual devices at school events. It has no objection, provided their use **does not interfere** with the conduct of the particular activity, **nor impinge** on the enjoyment of the event by other members of the audience, **or violate Board policy or state or federal laws, including, but not limited to, copyright and privacy laws.**

Any person or organization seeking to film students or a school activity which is not a public event shall obtain prior permission from the principal.

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate this Policy and implement procedures as are required to address violations of this Policy.