

*Temporary policy in effect until March 3, 2022.*

## **Community Relations**

### **Visitors, Volunteers and Access to Campus**

The Board of Education has a responsibility to ensure the safety of staff and students. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, pending construction and the need to ensure that our instructional programs are uninterrupted, the New Fairfield Public Schools will limit visitors to their school buildings until March 3, 2022.

- Visitors will not be permitted to visit classrooms or lunchrooms.
- All business will be conducted in the main offices.
- Parents/Guardians requesting an exception to this policy must contact the school principal or appropriate administrator to request a meeting.
- Parents invited to a New Fairfield school for a meeting will be escorted by a staff member to and from the meeting. All visitors must wear masks while in the school buildings.
- Any visitors allowed on the premises will be required to present a valid state-issued ID (driver's license, identification card, work VISA or green card) upon their arrival at the school and to wear a visitor's badge.
- Handlers for service animals and therapy animals must contact the appropriate administrator to arrange access or visitation.
- Spectators for indoor extracurricular activities will be allowed at the discretion of the School Administrator and/or Athletic Director.
- All visitors must adhere to all health and safety requirements, including masks.

The Board of Education and the New Fairfield Public Schools will allow visitors, as required by applicable law. For example, the Board will follow the policy and procedures that will allow for visitors for PPTs, independent educational evaluations and/or assessments, required parent-teacher conferences, etc.

The Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to our schools. School volunteers will be permitted to attend off-campus field trips and outdoor activities. Volunteers must obtain the necessary security clearances and complete the necessary paperwork, as required by the Board of Education.

### **Restricted Access to Track & Fields during Scheduled Events**

For safety reasons, to prevent injury to spectators, and/or to inhibit interference from non-participants, the administration reserves the right to deny access to the track, courts and athletic fields during scheduled events.

(cf. 1110.1 – Parent Involvement)  
(cf. 1212 – School Volunteers)  
(cf. 3517 – Security of Building and Grounds)  
(cf. 4118.237/4218.237, 5141.8 – Face Masks/Coverings)  
(cf. 6159 – Special Education Programs)  
(cf. 6163.32 – Service Animals)

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### **Visitors and Observations in Schools**

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4g Parent and community involvement in schools.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

10-235 Indemnification of teachers, board members, and employees in damage suits; expenses of litigation.

54-250-et. seq. Definitions.

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