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Section 8 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8:30 Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this policy:

School property - District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a Board of Education meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.

Visitor - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Building Principal's office and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student's special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

- . Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.

- . Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
- . Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
- . Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
- . Damage or deface School District property.
- . Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
- . Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
- . Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
- . Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
- . Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley's Law*.
- . Impede, delay, or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of the District's educational program or any other activity occurring on school property.
- . Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those which are lawful and authorized by the Board of Education.
- . Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
- . Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
- . Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
- . Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Upon notifying the Building Principal's office, authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative will be provided reasonable access to employees in the bargaining unit they represent in accordance with State law. Such access shall be conducted in a manner that will not impede the normal operations of the District.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

- . The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or

her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or

- . The offender received permission to be present from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a licensed certified PRESSPlus1 employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school grounds or in any school building; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from or denied admission to school property in accordance with State law. The person also may be subject to being denied admission to school athletic or extracurricular events for up to one calendar year in accordance with the procedures below.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to Athletic or Extracurricular School Events

Before any person may be denied admission to athletic or extracurricular school events, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board or a hearing officer appointed by the Board, to review the denial. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall take such action as it finds appropriate. The Superintendent may deny admission to events or meetings pending the Board action. The Superintendent or designee will provide a hearing notice, sent by regular and certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

- . The date, time, and place of the Board hearing,
- . A description of the prohibited conduct,
- . The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied, and
- . Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §7971](#) *et seq.*, Pro-Children Act of 2001.

[Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist.](#), 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.5](#), [10-20.5b](#), [5/10-22.10](#), [5/22-33](#), [5/22-110](#), and [5/24-25](#), and [5/27-23.7\(a\)](#). [PRESSPlus2](#)

[115 ILCS 5/3](#)(c), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

[410 ILCS 130/](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

[410 ILCS 705/](#), Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.

[430 ILCS 66/](#), Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

[720 ILCS 5/11-9.3](#), [5/21-1](#), [5/21-1.2](#), [5/21-3](#), [5/21-5](#), [5/21-5.5](#), [5/21-9](#), and [5/21-11](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings), 2:230 (Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities),

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 120, October 2025**

[PRESSPlus 2](#). The Legal References are updated in response to P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**