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#### 7440 - **FACILITY SECURITY**

Promoting the safety of students, staff, and others in the school buildings, as well as providing for the protection of the significant financial investment in the District's buildings is a critical function of the Board. Proper safety measures are to be implemented to protect those who use the buildings and to protect the buildings and equipment owned by the Board from theft and vandalism in order to maintain the optimum conditions for carrying out the educational program.

The District Administrator shall develop and supervise the District's School Safety Plan, in compliance with State and Federal laws, as described in Policy 8420.

Every effort shall be made to apprehend those who knowingly cause serious physical harm to students, staff, visitors, and Board property and to require prosecution of those who bring harm to persons and/or property. The Board will seek to repair the damage or seek the payment of a fee to cover such repairs.

The Board authorizes the District Administrator to conduct searches of non-student visitors or vehicles on school property when there is a reasonable suspicion of violation of the law or school rules, and the search is reasonable in scope related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive.

Appropriate authorities may be contacted in the case of serious offenses.

The District Administrator is authorized to install metal detectors and video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment on school property in order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors and Board property, and other security devices that would assist in the detection of guns and dangerous weapons in school buildings and/or on District property.

#### **Public Access to School Facilities**

The Board expects that during regular school hours only students and school staff need to be present in the school building. The Board also acknowledges that there will be times during the instructional day that members of the public, including parents, invited guests, or other individuals will for appropriate and legitimate reasons require entry into a school facility. In such cases, the following guidelines shall be followed:

- A. All exterior doors to every school building shall be locked during the instructional day, preventing entry into the building and all visitors to the school building during those times will be directed to a single entrance into the building. This entrance shall be the entrance closest to the school office. Visitors must identify themselves and the purpose of their visit to the school through the intercom system.
- B. All persons other than students and building staff shall check in with the school office of the building and shall provide official identification used in electronic visitor monitoring. Each visitor shall be given a visitor tag that shall be worn at all times while in the building.

- C. Visitors that intend to visit a classroom during the instructional day must be escorted to the classroom by either a staff member or, if age appropriate, a student from the class. School office staff must contact the classroom teacher to verify that the visitor is expected.
- D. All visitors are expected to sign out prior to departing the building.

Any visitor to the school may be refused entry or asked to leave the building at any time if the building administrator determines that the visitor's presence is disruptive or is likely to become disruptive to the educational environment, or for other safety or security reasons. If a visitor refuses to leave upon request by the building administrator, the administrator shall contact the school resource officer or local law enforcement as appropriate. No staff member should attempt to physically remove a visitor unless the visitor poses an imminent safety threat.

Any school staff member that witnesses a visitor in the school building who is not wearing a visitor tag as required shall report the visitor's presence to the school office. In the event the school office does not have a record of such visitor properly checking in, the office staff shall immediately contact an administrator or, if an administrator is not available, the school resource officer, if applicable, or appropriate law enforcement.

### **Parents as Visitors**

The Board encourages parental involvement in the education of students in the District. For this reason, it is important to facilitate the involvement of parents in school activities and the educational process while at the same time preserving the integrity of the educational environment for all students. As a balance, the Board adopts the following requirements for parents visiting the school during the instructional day:

- A. Parents should make arrangements with their child's teacher or with the building administrator in advance of visiting their child at school unless that is not possible.
- B. Parents, like any other visitor, must enter the building through only the approved visitor entrance and shall check in at the main office in the same fashion as a visitor.

Parents visiting District schools shall comply with Policy 9150 - School Visitors, and other relevant policies and administrative guidelines.

Parents that do not follow these guidelines or whose presence is disruptive to the educational environment may be asked to leave the building by the building administrator. Any decision to permanently restrict access of a parent may only be made by the District Administrator due to repeated failure to follow rules causing a disruption to the educational environment or for overt threats of harm or actual physical contact with any staff or student.

### **Court Imposed Restrictions**

In any case in which an individual is the subject of a court order restricting the individual's presence at a school building, including any restrictions on the individual's physical proximity to an individual that is a student or staff member at the school facility, the building administrator shall inform staff of the situation and if any staff member sees the individual on school premises that staff member shall immediately contact law enforcement and the school office.

### **Sex Offenders on School Property**

Any person that is a registered sex offender under Wisconsin Law is required to notify the District Administrator of the specific date, time and place of the person's visit to any school facility and must notify the District Administrator of ~~his/her~~ their status as a registered sex offender.

Parents of students enrolled in the District must notify the District Administrator of ~~his/her~~ their status as a registered sex offender and that ~~she/he has~~ they have a child enrolled in the District. Notification must occur at the beginning of each school year or at the time the individual is required to register or whenever the child is first enrolled, whichever occurs first.

Notification requirements do not apply if the person will be on school grounds to vote in an election or to attend a non-school sponsored event occurring on the school grounds.

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Legal                    120.13(35), Wis. Stats.  
                              175.32(2), (3), Wis. Stat.  
                              301.475, Wis. Stat.