

## PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education recognizes that the primary purpose of the district is to provide a superior atmosphere for learning and education. Any action by an individual or group aimed at disrupting, interfering or delaying the education process or having such effect, is hereby declared to be in violation of Board policy. The Board shall approve rules and regulations to effect this policy as required by Education Law §2801.

The Board also recognizes its responsibility to protect school property and declares its intent to take any and all legal action to prevent its damage or destruction. The Board will also seek restitution from, and prosecution of, any person or persons who willfully damage school property.

It is not the intent of this policy to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The Board recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of a school district. The purpose of the rules and regulations is to prevent abuse of the rights of others and to maintain public order, not to prevent or restrain controversy or dissent.

Cross-ref: 1240-R, Visitors to the School Regulation  
5230, Student Social Events  
5311.4, Care of School Property by Students  
5312, Prohibited Conduct

Ref: Education Law §2801

Note: Policy added  
[The Education Law requires all Boards of Education to adopt a written policy regarding public order on school property.]

## PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY - REGULATION

These rules shall govern the conduct of students, administration, faculty and other staff, licensees, invitees, and all other persons, regardless of whether their presence has been authorized on school district property or upon any other property under the control of this school district used for teaching, research, administrative service, or cultural, recreational, athletic and other programs and activities.

### *Prohibited Conduct*

No person, either singly or in concert with others, shall:

1. Willfully cause physical injury to any other person, nor threaten to do so for the purpose of compelling or inducing such other person to refrain from any act which he/she has a lawful right to do.
2. Physically restrain or detain any other person, nor remove such from any place where he/she is authorized to remain.
3. Willfully damage or destroy property of the institution or under its jurisdiction, nor remove or use such property without authorization.
4. Enter upon and remain in any building or facility for any purpose other than its authorized uses or in such manner as to obstruct its authorized use by others.
5. Remain in any building or facility after it is closed at the end of the normal school day without proper authorization to do so.
6. Refuse to leave any building or facility after being required to do so by an authorized administrative officer.
7. Obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles in any place to which these rules apply.
8. Deliberately disrupt or prevent the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes, lectures and meetings or deliberately interfere with the freedom of any person to express his/her views including invited speakers.
9. Knowingly have in his/her possession upon any premises to which these rules apply any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, other firearm, ammunition, knife or other weapon without the written authorization of the chief school administrative officer whether or not a license to possess the same has been issued to such person.
10. Deliberately obstruct or disrupt staff functions, administrative functions, disciplinary procedures or other school activities on district premises.
11. Tamper with any safety measures such as fire extinguishers, fire alarms, fire regulation posters and fire/smoke doors.
12. Possess or use a key to enter either a building or a room on district premises without proper authorization.
13. Prop open an external or corridor door, or in other ways, facilitate unauthorized access to a locked building on district premises.
14. Loiter on school premises. Under state law, a person is guilty of loitering when he/she loiters or remains in or about a school building or grounds, not having reason or relationship involving custody of, or responsibility for, a pupil or any other specific, legitimate reason for being there and not having written permission from any one authorized to grant the same.
15. Smoke on school buses (whether such buses are owned or leased by the district or under contract to the district) while such buses are conveying students.

16. Misbehave on school buses, whether such buses are owned or leased by the district or under contract to the district.
17. Willfully interfere with the lawful and authorized activities of others.
18. Make, or cause to be made, bomb threats or false alarms.
19. Knowingly take, damage, or appropriate another's property without his/her express permission on district premises.
20. Bring onto school premises, have in his/her possession on school premises, or use on school premises any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs or narcotics.
21. Knowingly organizing or participating in any fund raising activities, sports activities, or social activities, and using the school or district name for sponsorship of said activities without the consent of the chief school administrator or his delegated deputies.
22. Willfully disregarding the ten (10) miles per hour speed limit on school grounds and unauthorized parking on school grounds without a permission slip from the Building Principal.
23. Gamble in or on school district property. Gambling includes such activities and devices as games of chance, throwing dice, card playing for money, lotteries, and other games involving the exchange of money, except where specifically approved by the Board.
24. Fail to comply with directives of school district officials acting in the performance of their duties.
25. Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts herein prohibited with specific intent to procure them to do so.

#### *Accessibility of Premises*

No one except authorized personnel will be permitted to enter the boiler rooms, electrical or telephone control or switching areas, or any other area specifically posted as being restricted against entry.

No person will enter a school building without first reporting to the Building Principal's office for permission to conduct whatever business he or she has come or, and will not remain in such school building or on school premises unless the Principal has granted permission.

No school buildings or grounds may be used for any purpose except such as are under the direct supervision and control of the school authorities, or in rules and regulations shall be given to any organization to whom permission to use school premises is given.

Vehicular traffic will not be driven over such roads or other school property which are clearly marked as being restricted against traffic.

#### *Enforcement Program*

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and regulations of the Board and he/she shall designate the other administrative officers who are authorized to take action in accordance with such rules when required or appropriate to carry them into effect.

*Penalties*

A person who violates any of these provisions will:

1. If he/she is a licensee, have his/her authorization to remain upon the premises withdrawn and shall be directed to leave the premises. In the event of their failure or refusal to do so they shall be subject to ejection.
2. if he/she is a trespasser or visitor without specific license or invitation, be subject to ejection.
3. If he/she is a student, be subject to disciplinary action as the facts of the case may warrant, including suspension, probation, loss of privileges, reprimand or warning. Any violations by students occurring on school buses may result in suspension or permanent loss of school bus privileges.
4. If he/she is a faculty member having tenure, be guilty of misconduct and be subject to the procedures and penalties prescribed by law, or such lesser disciplinary action as the facts may warrant including censure.
5. If he/she is a staff member in the classified service of the civil service, be subject to the penalties prescribed by law.
6. If he/she is a staff member other than described above, he/she may be subject to dismissal, suspension without pay, or censure.

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