

School Visitors

Parents/guardians and prospective parents/guardians are welcome to visit the schools, whenever possible, in order to promote communication and mutual understanding about student progress and the district's educational program. Community members are also encouraged to visit. Such visits shall be consistent with the welfare of students and the orderly operation of the educational process.

Visitations to schools will be allowed under the following conditions:

- A. A visitor is anyone entering school property who is not:
 1. An employee or a volunteer of the district while he or she is performing his or her volunteer duties, or
 2. A student enrolled at that school.
- B. All persons visiting the schools must have a purpose related to the district's educational program or the personal welfare of a student or employee. Visits for any other purpose are prohibited.
- C. Schools arrange visits dependent on the purpose of the visit and the current conditions in the school, therefore visitors should make every effort to contact the school before they plan to come.
- D. Visitors are welcome but building principals will determine the length and time of visits based on minimizing disruptions to the school and school program.
- E. Visitors found on school premises who have not registered at the office shall be told to either report to the school office or leave the school property. Visitors so notified who remain on school premises without registering are subject to the sanctions set by criminal trespass laws (RCW 9A.52.070-090). The appropriate law enforcement agency may be requested to respond.
- F. Any person whose intention is to pressure or solicit students for commercial, religious, or illegal purposes shall not be permitted on the school grounds, nor shall any person be allowed to engage in campaign activities for state, local or national elections at district facilities except as permitted under Policy 4400.
- G. No one may enter school premises for the purpose of conducting activities prohibited by local, state, or federal law or School Board policy.
- H. If a principal determines that any person is disturbing, interfering with, or obstructing the lawful operation of the school (as defined by RCW 28A.635.020), the person may be ordered to leave the school property; and upon failure to do so, may be subject to the sanctions set by law pertaining to school disturbances. (See also RCW 28A.635.030.)
- I. Persons who are prohibited from or limited in access to school property for unauthorized presence or disruption as outlined above shall be notified of their options to contest the prohibition(s) or limitation(s), first to the school administrator (if applicable), and thereafter in timely succession to the Superintendent (or designee), and then to the School Board, and then to the superior court pursuant to RCW 28A.645.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 4400 Election Activities

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.605.020 Parents' access to classroom or school sponsored

	activities — Limitation
RCW 28A.635.020	Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty
RCW 28A.635.030	Disturbing school, school activities, or meetings — Penalty
RCW 28A.635.090	Interfering by force or violence — Penalty
RCW 28A.635.100	Intimidating any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student by threat of force or violence unlawful — Penalty
RCW 28A.645.010	Appeals -- Notice of -- Scope -- Time limitation.
20 U.S.C. § 7908	No Child Left Behind Act, Military Recruiter Provision

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