

POLICY KI

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: KI-RA
Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent for Operations

VISITORS TO SCHOOLS/PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

I. PURPOSE

To maintain a safe, orderly and respectful environment at all schools, and at school functions, and to prevent interference with the educational process.

II. BACKGROUND

The Board of Education encourages parents and other citizens to visit schools and classrooms as long as such visits do not disrupt school operations or interfere with the educational process. Public conduct will also be regulated on school property and at school functions in order to provide an orderly, respectful environment.

III. DEFINITIONS

1. "School visitor" means anyone who does not come under the definition of student, faculty member, staff member, volunteer, or employee.
2. "General public" means anyone who does not come under the definition of student, faculty member, staff member, or employee.

IV. POSITION

- A. For the safety of students and staff, all school visitors during the school day must report to the school's main office upon arrival before proceeding with a visit to any part of the school or school grounds. Visitors shall comply with the school's rules regarding identification and safety.
- B. Parents shall have reasonable access to observe their child's classes or activities, with advance notice to, and authorization by, the building principal or designee.
- C. No person shall willfully interfere with the educational process by committing, threatening to commit or inciting others to commit any act which would disrupt, impair, interfere with or obstruct the lawful mission, processes, procedures or functions of a school. §30-20-13 NMSA.

- D. Criminal acts will not be tolerated. All persons of the general public who conduct themselves in a boisterous, disorderly, threatening, obstructive, and/or intimidating manner are subject to restricted access to school property.
- E. Principals and campus guards are authorized to escort persons off of school property who have violated this policy.
- F. Schools are “quasi” public and are open to anyone with a purpose who is willing to follow the rules of the building.
- G. The Superintendent shall establish regulations regarding the visitation of schools, classrooms and district facilities, and shall promulgate regulations regarding public conduct on school property.

IV. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



Board of Education, President

January 18, 2011

Date Approved

History: Formerly Policy 485, Visitors to Schools; revision 3.4.08; combine KI: Visitors to Schools, with KFA: Public Conduct on School Property – 3rd Reading 1.18.11

Legal Reference: §30-20-13 NMSA