

**VISITS TO THE SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools welcome and strongly encourage members of the community and other interested persons to visit the schools and programs operated by the Humboldt County Office of Education.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines which will:

1. Encourage visitors to observe Office of Education schools and programs.
2. Provide for appropriate hospitality for visitors.
3. Channel expressions of approval as well as constructive criticism to the Superintendent.
4. Ensures that such visits will enhance the effect of the educational program rather than hinder it.
5. Require all visitors to register in the office of the principal or site administrator upon their arrival at the school.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by any person in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's permission.

For purposes of this policy, a visitor includes not only those defined by law as outsiders, but also a parent/guardian of a pupil in the school, an officer or employee of the Humboldt County Office of Education, or a person required by his or her employment to be in the school building or on the school grounds.

The Board encourages all individuals to assist in maintaining a safe and secure school environment by behaving in an orderly manner while on school grounds and by utilizing the district's complaint process if they have concerns with any Office of Education program or employee. In accordance with Penal Code 626.7, the principal or designee may request that any individual who is causing a disruption, including exhibiting volatile, hostile, aggressive, or offensive behavior, immediately leave school grounds.

**Presence of Sex Offender on Campus**

Any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290, including a parent/guardian of a district student, shall request written permission from the principal before entering the school campus or grounds. As necessary, the principal shall consult with local law enforcement authorities before allowing the presence of any such person at school or other school activity. The principal also shall report to the Superintendent or designee anytime he/she gives such permission.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting*

*32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor*

*32212 Classroom interruptions*

*35160 Authority of governing boards*

*35292 Visits to schools (board members)*

*49091.10 Parental right to inspect instructional materials and observe school activities*

*51101 Parent Rights Act of 2002*

*51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device*

PENAL CODE

*290 Sex Offenders*

*626-626.10 Schools*

*626.81 Misdemeanor for registered sex offender to come onto school grounds*

*627-627.10 Access to school premises, especially:*

*627.1 Definitions*

*627.2 Necessity of registration by outsider*

*627.7 Misdemeanors; punishment*