

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Policy

1250

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Reference: Administrative Regulations #1260

Participation by the Public

School Visitors

The board welcomes and encourages visits to all facilities by parents/guardians, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. To ensure order in the schools, it is necessary to establish guidelines governing school visits.

The Pennsylvania School Code authorizes boards of directors of school districts to construct and maintain buildings for the education of its students. Along with the authority, the board and/or the superintendent has the power to establish reasonable rules and regulations for public access to the buildings.

The administration of the school district needs to be cognizant of who is in their building and the purpose of their visit. To permit the public access to the buildings without knowing their purpose could result in disruption of the educational process.

Persons wishing to visit a school should make arrangements, in advance whenever possible, with the school office in the building. Classroom visits should be scheduled, at least three days in advance. Detailed guidelines and requirements for visits are found in Administrative Regulation #1260.

All visitors, including family members of the pupils and/or staff, must register at the office on the day of the visit. Visitor passes provided in the office must be worn by every visitor at all times while in the building.

Staff members shall be expected to require that a visitor has duly registered at the school office and received authorization to be present for the purpose of conducting business.

No visitor may engage in a lengthy discussion with a student in school that would interfere with classroom activities or detain the student from prompt classroom attendance without the approval of the principal.

If a parent or community member requests to remove a child from the classroom or building, the administrators must be notified. Only after approval by the administration may the student be excused from the educational program. To allow otherwise will lead to disruption of the educational process.

If parents or community members violate this privilege by creating a disturbance that interfere with the educational process, the superintendent or building principal has the authority to restrict their access to the building. Any violation of this restriction could lead to criminal trespass or other charges being filed against the violator.

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