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Community Relations

Connection with the Community

Public Relations

The Board President is the official spokesperson for the School Board. The Superintendent is the District's chief spokesperson. The Superintendent or designee shall plan and implement a District public relations program that will:

1. Develop community understanding of school operation.
2. Gather community attitudes and desires for the District.
3. Secure adequate financial support for a sound educational programming.
4. Earn the community's good will, respect, and confidence.
5. Promote a genuine spirit of cooperation between the school and the community.
6. Keep the news media accurately informed.
7. Coordinate with the District Safety Coordinator to provide accurate and timely information to the appropriate individuals during an emergency.

The public relations program should include:

1. News/information concerning District programs, policies, activities, and special event management for distribution.
2. News conferences and interviews, as requested or needed. The Board President and Superintendent will coordinate their respective media relations efforts. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent.
3. Publications having a high quality of editorial content and effective format. All publications shall identify the District, school, or classroom and shall include the name of the Superintendent, the Building Principal, and/or the author and the publication date.
4. Other efforts that highlight the District's programs and activities.

CROSS REF.: 2:110 (Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers)

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Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to community organizations during non-school hours when such use does not: (1) interfere with any school function or affect the safety of students or employees, or (2) affect the property or liability of the School District. The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations and other groups. The use of school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures.

Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Student groups, school-related organizations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations are granted the use of school facilities at no costs during regularly staffed hours. Fees and costs shall apply during non-regularly staffed hours and to other organizations granted use of facilities at any time. A fee schedule and other terms of use shall be prepared by the Superintendent and be subject to annual approval by the School Board.

Applications must be submitted and approved by the Superintendent. Decisions will be made using information provided in the application as well as other criteria deemed important.

Building Use Policy Regulations

1. School affiliated organizations, school-sponsored programs, and other organizations whose primary purpose is to provide assistance to the School District and its students as well as service organizations are considered, for the purpose of these procedures, to be school-related.
2. Private rental of facilities is available to School District residents. All rental fees and custodial fees are the responsibility of the renter.
3. Any use of the District facilities will require a key holding school official be present for the duration. School officials include: teachers, coaches (approved by administration), staff, or custodian. Board members may sign out a key and serve as the present school official and sponsor. Keys must be returned upon the completion of the facilities use.
4. It is responsibility of the user to provide appropriate supervision and maintain a safe and controlled environment.
5. Organizations requesting private rental must supply proof of insurance verifying that the group maintains adequate insurance coverage against personal injury and/or property loss.
6. Your organization agrees to release the district of any liability and/or third-party claims which may occur as a result of events that took place while using the district facilities and will indemnify and hold harmless the District and its agents and employees for and from any and all loss including attorneys' fees, damages, expense(s), and liability arising out of its use of school property.
7. Your organization will assume all liabilities for damages which may occur in, on, or about the facilities when damage to property or injury to persons results. Your organization will be responsible for paying all costs resulting from damages whether accidental or deliberate. Costs may include material and labor for repair or replacement as determined by the district. If necessary, legal fees may be included in your organizations fails to pay costs as determined by the district.
8. The District reserves the right to stop any activity and dismiss the group/individual if in the opinion of its representative, the group/individual is damaging the building and or in violation of any school rules or policies.
9. Appropriate clothing/and or shoes should be worn during the course of all activities. Non-scuffing athletic shoes must be worn when using the gym for activities.

10. Any unusual problems or incidents should be reported to school authorities as soon as possible.
11. Groups/individuals must restrict their activities to the areas designated on the approved application.
12. Use of alcohol, tobacco, smoking or any illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
13. No firearms or weapons of any type will be permitted on the premises.

LEGAL REF.: Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §7905.
10 ILCS 5/19-2.2.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.40, 5/10-22.10, and 5/29-3.5.

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093 (2001).

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, 113 S.Ct. 2141 (1993).

Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

CROSS REF.: 7:330 (Student Use of Building - Equal Access), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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BUILDING/FACILITIES USE REQUEST FORM

Organization _____ Sponsor/Responsible Individual _____

List all individuals participating (Attach if necessary)

Address _____ City _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Program/Activity _____

Equipment needed (if any) _____

Materials to be brought into the facility _____

Date(s) Requested (Attach a copy of the schedule if necessary) _____

Start Time _____ End Time _____

Fee Structure:	
School Affiliated Organizations/Approved Activities Held During the Regular School Day	
Rental/ Supervisory/Custodial	No Charge
Community Groups (Those residing in the district)	
Rental/Supervisory/Custodial	\$50.00/per hour
<i>*If a key holding school district representative is sponsoring the event, has received permission from the Superintendent and takes responsibility for unlocking, locking, cleaning and will be present for the duration of the activity, the supervisory/custodial fee will be waived.</i>	
Private Rentals (At District Discretion)	
Rental/Supervisory/Custodial	\$75.00/per hour

***NOTE: SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TAKE PRECEDENT OVER RENTAL REQUESTS.**

Completed by office staff

_____ Fees paid (Due at the time request is submitted. Money will be refunded if the event is canceled.)

_____ Proof of insurance has been submitted

_____ Approved _____ Denied

I have read the Community Use of School Facilities Policy 8:20 attached to this request form and agree to abide by all district/policy requirements.

Applicant Signature

Date

Superintendent Signature

Date

Community Relations

Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities

No material or literature shall be posted or distributed that would: (1) disrupt the educational process, (2) violate the rights or invade the privacy of others, (3) infringe on a trademark or copyright, or (4) be defamatory, obscene, vulgar, or indecent. No material, literature, or advertisement shall be posted or distributed without advance approval as described in this policy.

Community, Educational, Charitable, or Recreational Organizations

Community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may, under procedures established by the Superintendent, advertise events pertinent to students' interests or involvement. All advertisements must (1) be student-oriented, (2) prominently display the sponsoring organization's name, and (3) be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee. The District reserves the right to decide where and when any advertisement or flyer is distributed, displayed, or posted.

Commercial Companies and Political Candidates or Parties

Commercial companies may purchase space for their advertisements in or on: (1) athletic field fences; (2) athletic, theater, or music programs; (3) student newspapers or yearbooks; (4) scoreboards; or (5) other appropriate locations. The advertisements must be consistent with this policy and its implementing procedures and be appropriate for display in a school context. Prior approval from the Board is needed for advertisements on athletic fields, scoreboards, or other building locations. Prior approval is needed from the Superintendent for advertisements on athletic, or music programs; student newspapers and yearbooks; and any commercial material related to graduation, class pictures, etc..

No individual or entity may advertise or promote its interests by using the names or pictures of the School District, any District school or facility, staff members, or students except as authorized by and consistent with administrative procedures and approved by the Board.

Material from candidates and political parties will not be accepted for posting or distribution, except when used as part of the curriculum.

LEGAL REF.: Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993).
 Berger v. Rensselaer Central Sch. Corp., 982 F.2d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), *cert. denied*, 113 S.Ct. 2344 (1993).
 Sherman v. Community Consolidated Sch. Dist. 21, 8 F.3d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), *cert. denied*, 8 F.3d 1160 (1994).
 Hedges v. Wauconda Community Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).
 Victory Through Jesus Sports Ministry v. Lee's Summit R-7 Sch. Dist., 640 F.3d 329 (8th Cir. 2011), *cert. denied*, 565 U.S. 1036 (2011).
 DiLoreto v. Downey Unified Sch. Dist., 196 F.3d 958 (9th Cir. 1999).

CROSS REF.: 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access)

ADOPTED: March 15, 2023

Community Relations

Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this policy:

School property - District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.

Visitor - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the District Office and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student's special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface school property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
9. Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley's Law*.

11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board.
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender is:

1. A parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. Has permission to be present from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative, upon notifying the Building Principal's office, may meet with a school employee (or group of employees) in the school building during duty-free times of such employees.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school property; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Superintendent, Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to School Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to school events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board. The Superintendent may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a

hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least ten days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time, and place of the Board hearing;
2. A description of the prohibited conduct;
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied; and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.: Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000).
20 U.S.C. §7181 *et seq.*, Pro-Children Act of 1994.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/22-33, 5/24-24, 5/24-25, and 5/27-23.7(a).
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
410 ILCS 705/, Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

ADOPTED: March 16, 2020

Community RelationsAdministrative Procedure - Definition of Child Sex Offender**Child Sex Offender**
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3(d)

- (1) *Child sex offender* means any person who:
- (i) Has been charged under Illinois law, or any substantially similar federal law or law of another state, with a sex offense set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection (d) or the attempt to commit an included sex offense, and
 - (A) Is convicted of such offense or an attempt to commit such offense; or
 - (B) Is found not guilty by reason of insanity of such offense or an attempt to commit such offense; or
 - (C) Is found not guilty by reason of insanity pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 of such offense or an attempt to commit such offense; or
 - (D) Is the subject of a finding not resulting in an acquittal at a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for the alleged commission or attempted commission of such offense; or
 - (E) Is found not guilty by reason of insanity following a hearing conducted pursuant to a federal law or the law of another state substantially similar to subsection (c) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 of such offense or of the attempted commission of such offense; or
 - (F) Is the subject of a finding not resulting in an acquittal at a hearing conducted pursuant to a federal law or the law of another state substantially similar to subsection (a) of Section 104-25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for the alleged violation or attempted commission of such offense; or
 - (ii) Is certified as a sexually dangerous person pursuant to the Illinois Sexually Dangerous Persons Act, or any substantially similar federal law or the law of another state, when any conduct giving rise to such certification is committed or attempted against a person less than 18 years of age; or
 - (iii) Is subject to the provisions of Section 2 of the Interstate Agreements on Sexually Dangerous Persons Act.

Convictions that result from or are connected with the same act, or result from offenses committed at the same time, shall be counted for the purpose of this Section as one conviction. Any conviction set aside pursuant to law is not a conviction for purposes of this Section.

- (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2.5), *sex offense* means:
- (i) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012:
 - 10-4 (forcible detention),
 - 10-7 (aiding or abetting child abduction under Section 10-5(b)(10)),
 - 10-5(b)(10) (child luring),
 - 11-1.40 (predatory criminal sexual assault of a child),
 - 11-6 (indecent solicitation of a child), 11-6.5 (indecent solicitation of an adult),
 - 11-9.1 (sexual exploitation of a child),
 - 11-9.2 (custodial sexual misconduct),

- 11-9.5 (sexual misconduct with a person with a disability),
 - 11-14.3(a)(1) (promoting prostitution by advancing prostitution),
 - 11-14.3(a)(2)(A) (promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution by compelling a person to be a prostitute),
 - 11-14.3(a)(2)(c) (promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution by means other than as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 11-14.3),
 - 11-14.4 (promoting juvenile prostitution),
 - 11-18.1 (patronizing a juvenile prostitute),
 - 11-20.1 (child pornography),
 - 11-20.1B (aggravated child pornography),
 - 11-21 (harmful material),
 - 11-25 (grooming),
 - 11-26 (traveling to meet a minor or traveling to meet a child),
 - 12-33 (ritualized abuse of a child),
 - 11-20 (obscenity) (when that offense was committed in any school, on real property comprising any school, in any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or in a public park),
 - 11-30 (public indecency) (when committed in a school, on real property comprising a school, in any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, or in a public park). An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
- (ii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, when the victim is a person under 18 years of age:
- 11-1.20 (criminal sexual assault),
 - 11-1.30 (aggravated criminal sexual assault),
 - 11-1.50 (criminal sexual abuse),
 - 11-1.60 (aggravated criminal sexual abuse).
- An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
- (iii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, when the victim is a person under 18 years of age and the defendant is not a parent of the victim:
- 10-1 (kidnapping),
 - 10-2 (aggravated kidnapping),
 - 10-3 (unlawful restraint),
 - 10-3.1 (aggravated unlawful restraint),
 - 11-9.1(A) (permitting sexual abuse of a child).
- An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
- (iv) A violation of any former law of this State substantially equivalent to any offense listed in clause (2)(i) or (2)(ii) of subsection (d) of this Section.
- (2.5) For the purposes of subsections (b-5) and (b-10) only, a sex offense means:
- (i) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012:
- 10-5(b)(10) (child luring),
 - 10-7 (aiding or abetting child abduction under Section 10-5(b)(10)),
 - 11-1.40 (predatory criminal sexual assault of a child),
 - 11-6 (indecent solicitation of a child),
 - 11-6.5 (indecent solicitation of an adult),
 - 11-9.2 (custodial sexual misconduct),
 - 11-9.5 (sexual misconduct with a person with a disability),

- 11-11 (sexual relations within families),
 - 11-14.3(a)(1) (promoting prostitution by advancing prostitution),
 - 11-14.3(a)(2)(A) (promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution by compelling a person to be a prostitute),
 - 11-14.3(a)(2)(C) (promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution by means other than as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 11-14.3),
 - 11-14.4 (promoting juvenile prostitution),
 - 11-18.1 (patronizing a juvenile prostitute),
 - 11-20.1 (child pornography),
 - 11-20.1B (aggravated child pornography),
 - 11-25 (grooming),
 - 11-26 (traveling to meet a minor or traveling to meet a child), or
 - 12-33 (ritualized abuse of a child).
- An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
- (ii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, when the victim is a person under 18 years of age:
 - 11-1.20 (criminal sexual assault),
 - 11-1.30 (aggravated criminal sexual assault),
 - 11-1.60 (aggravated criminal sexual abuse), and
 - subsection (a) of Section 11-1.50 (criminal sexual abuse).

An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
 - (iii) A violation of any of the following Sections of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, when the victim is a person under 18 years of age and the defendant is not a parent of the victim:
 - 10-1 (kidnapping),
 - 10-2 (aggravated kidnapping),
 - 10-3 (unlawful restraint),
 - 10-3.1 (aggravated unlawful restraint),
 - 11-9.1(A)(permitting sexual abuse of a child).

An attempt to commit any of these offenses.
 - (iv) A violation of any former law of this State substantially equivalent to any offense listed in this paragraph (2.5) of this subsection.
- (3) A conviction for an offense of federal law or the law of another state that is substantially equivalent to any offense listed in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Section shall constitute a conviction for the purpose of this Section. A finding or adjudication as a sexually dangerous person under any federal law or law of another state that is substantially equivalent to the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act shall constitute an adjudication for the purposes of this Section.



Dimmick Community Consolidated School District #175

"Where Children Come First"

Superintendent: Mr. Ryan Linnig

Notification to Parents/Guardian Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Student's Name *(Please print)*

State law places restrictions on child sex offenders' access to school property. See 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3. It prohibits a child sex offender from knowingly being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender: (1) is a parent/guardian of a student and the parent/guardian is: (a) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (b) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (c) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion and notifies the Principal of his or her presence at the school; or (2) has permission to be present from the Superintendent or the School Board and the Superintendent or Board President have formed the Principal. A child sex offender present on school property must remain under the direct supervision of a school official. A child sex offender who violates these provisions of the law is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

Instructions for Child Sex Offenders

To lawfully visit school property, a child sex offender must complete 8:30-E2, *Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property*, for each visit to school property.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Linnig
Superintendent



Dimmick Community Consolidated School District #175

"Where Children Come First"

Superintendent: Mr. Ryan Linnig

Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property

If you are a child sex offender, you must complete this form to lawfully visit school property whenever students are present. After a decision is made whether to grant or deny your request for permission to visit, a copy will be returned to you. This information will be kept in the District's main office as well as in the Building Principal's office where you are seeking permission to visit.

_____	_____
Name (Please print)	Address
_____	_____
Signature	Date
_____	_____
School (Visit Location)	Date of Visit

Complete the following if you are a parent/guardian of a student attending the above listed school.

I request permission to visit the school for the following reason(s):

- To attend a conference with school personnel to discuss the academic or social progress of my child.
- To participate in my child's review conference in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to my child regarding special education services.
- To attend a conference to discuss other student issues concerning my child such as retention and promotion.
- Other (Please be specific): _____

Complete the following if you are **not** a parent/guardian of a student who attends the school you are requesting to visit.

- I request permission to visit the school for the following reason(s) (Please be specific): _____
- _____
- _____

The following is to be completed by District personnel only:

- Permission Granted** **Permission Denied**

Visit Supervision (To be completed by the staff member supervising the child sex offender)

Supervisor's Name (Please print) _____

Visitor's Time In _____ Visitor's Time Out _____

Community Relations

Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship For Athletic and Extracurricular Events

Any person, including adults, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or extracurricular event may be ejected from the event the person is attending and/or denied admission to school events for up to a year after a Board of Education hearing. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include:

- using vulgar or obscene language;
- possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance;
- possessing a weapon;
- fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person;
- failing to obey the instructions of a security officer or school district employee; and
- engaging in any activity which is illegal or disruptive.

The Superintendent may seek to deny future admission to any person by delivering or mailing a notice, sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board of Education hearing date, containing:

1. The date, time, and place of a Board hearing;
2. A description of the unsportsmanlike conduct;
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied;
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 8.30

Adopted: October 23, 1996

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Community Relations

Visitors To The Schools

The District encourages visits by Board of Education members, parent(s)/guardian(s), citizens, and taxpayers to all School District buildings. All visitors shall report to the Superintendent's office. If a parent wishes to confer with a teacher, an appointment must be made. Conferences will be held outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

High school age students and ex-students shall not enter the school during or after school unless the Superintendent has granted previous permission.

Adopted: October 23, 1996

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Community Relations

Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities shall be provided an opportunity to participate in all school-sponsored services, programs, or activities and will not be subject to illegal discrimination. When appropriate, the District may provide to persons with disabilities aids, benefits, or services that are separate or different from, but as effective as, those provided to others.

The District will provide auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity.

Each service, program, website, or activity operated in existing facilities shall be readily accessible to, and useable by, individuals with disabilities. New construction and alterations to facilities existing before January 26, 1992, will be accessible when viewed in their entirety.

Individuals with disabilities should notify the Superintendent or Principal if they have a disability that will require special assistance or services and, if so, what services are required. This notification should occur as far in advance as possible of the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

Individuals with disabilities may allege a violation of this policy or federal law by reporting it to the Superintendent or by filing a grievance under the Uniform Grievance Procedure.

LEGAL REF.: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§12101 et seq. and 12131 et seq.; 28 C.F.R. Part 35.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 §104, 29 U.S.C. §794 (2006).
105 ILCS 5/10-20.51.
410 ILCS 25/, Environmental Barriers Act.
71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400, Illinois Accessibility Code.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs)

ADOPTED: March 15, 2023

Community Relations

Gifts to the District

The School Board appreciates gifts from any education foundation, other entities, or individuals. All gifts must adhere to each of the following:

1. Be accepted by the Board or, if less than \$500.00 in value, the Superintendent or designee. Individuals should obtain a pre-acceptance commitment before identifying the District, any school, or school program or activity as a beneficiary in any fundraising attempt, including without limitation, any Internet fundraising attempt.
2. Be given without a stated purpose or with a purpose deemed by the party with authority to accept the gift to be compatible with the Board's educational objectives and policies.
3. Be consistent with the District's mandate to provide equal educational and extracurricular opportunities to all students in the District as provided in Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*. State and federal laws require the District to provide equal treatment for members of both sexes to educational programming, extracurricular activities, and athletics. This includes the distribution of athletic benefits and opportunities.
4. Permit the District to maintain resource equity among its learning centers.
5. Be viewpoint neutral. The Superintendent or designee shall manage a process for the review and approval of donations involving the incorporation of messages into or placing messages upon school property.
6. Comply with all laws applicable to the District including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Prevailing Wage Act, the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools, and all applicable procurement and bidding requirements.

The District will provide equal treatment to all individuals and entities seeking to donate money or a gift. Upon acceptance, all gifts become the District's property. The acceptance of a gift is not an endorsement by the Board, District, or school of any product, service, activity, or program. The method of recognition is determined by the party accepting the gift.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments implemented by 34 C.F.R. Part 106.
105 ILCS 5/16-1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §200.40.

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

ADOPTED: March 15, 2023

Community Relations

Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Parent organizations and booster clubs are invaluable resources to the District's schools. While parent organizations and booster clubs have no administrative authority and cannot determine District policy, the School Board welcomes their suggestions and assistance.

Parent organizations and booster clubs may be recognized by the Board and permitted to use the District's name, a District school's name, or a District school's team name, or any logo attributable to the District provided they first receive the Superintendent or designee's express written consent. Consent to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club has by-laws containing the following:

1. The organization's or club's name and purpose, such as, to enhance students' educational experiences, to help meet educational needs of students, to provide extra athletic benefits to students, to assist specific sports teams or academic clubs through financial support, or to enrich extracurricular activities.
2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
3. An agreement to adhere to all Board policies and administrative procedures.
4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted, meaning that membership is open to all parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school, District staff, and community members.
5. A statement that the District is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization's or club's business or the conduct of its members, including on any organization or club websites or social media accounts.
6. An agreement to maintain and protect its own finances.
7. A recognition that money given to a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense. Booster clubs may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable consideration must be given to the District to use at its discretion. The Board's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede an organization or club's recommendation.

Permission to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos may be rescinded at any time and does not constitute permission to act as the District's representative. At no time does the District accept responsibility for the actions of any parent organization or booster club regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the above-mentioned names or logos. The Superintendent shall designate an administrative staff member to serve as the recognized liaison to parent organizations or booster clubs. The liaison will serve as a resource person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, problems, concerns, and emerging issues. Building staff will be encouraged to participate in the organizations.

CROSS REF.: 8:80 (Gifts to the District)

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Community Relations

Parental Involvement

In order to assure collaborative relationships between students' families and the District, and to enable parents/guardians to become active partners in their children's education, the Superintendent shall:

1. Keep parents/guardians thoroughly informed about their child's school and education.
2. Encourage parents/guardians to be involved in their child's school and education.
3. Establish effective two-way communication between parents/guardians and the District.
4. Seek input from parents/guardians on significant school-related issues.
5. Inform parents/guardians on how they can assist their children's learning.

The Superintendent shall periodically report to the School Board on the implementation of this policy.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6:170-E1 (District Level Parental Involvement Compact in Title I Programs), 6:170-E2 (School Level Parental Involvement Compact in Title I Programs)

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Community Relations

Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

The District shall cooperate with other organizations and agencies, including but not limited to:

- County Health Department
- Law enforcement agencies
- Fire authorities
- Planning authorities
- Zoning authorities
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), local organizations for civil defense, and other appropriate disaster relief organizations concerned with civil defense
- Other school districts

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 4:170 (Safety), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews)

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Community Relations

Public Suggestions and Concerns

The School Board is interested in receiving suggestions and concerns from members of the community. Any individual may make a suggestion or express a concern by contacting any District office. Community members who e-mail the District or any District employee or board member are expected to abide by the standards in Board policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*, and should, to the extent possible, limit their communications to relevant individuals. Suggestions and/or concerns will be referred to the appropriate level staff member or District administrator who is most able to respond in a timely manner. Each concern or suggestion shall be considered on its merit.

An individual who is not satisfied may file a grievance under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. The Board encourages, but does not require, individuals to follow the channels of authority prior to filing a grievance. Neither this policy nor the *Uniform Grievance Procedure* create an independent right to a hearing before the Board.

LEGAL REF.: 115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:230 (Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 3:30 (Chain of Command), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

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