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9150 SCHOOL VISITORS

The Board of Education welcomes visits to school by parent(s) or legal guardian(s), Board of Education members, other adult residents of the community and interested educators, when they fit into the classroom or school routine. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present, and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, the Superintendent shall devise regulations controlling visitors.

A "visitor" is anyone other than a pupil enrolled in, staff member employed in the particular school, or a member of the administrative staff charged with the responsibility of the Paterson Public School system.

When the parental rights of a parent have been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the legal guardian must inform the school so that the administration may apply appropriate regulations. The Principal shall seek confirmation of legal custodianship where necessary.

Loitering, Trespassing or Causing Disturbances

The Board of Education believes that all children of school age have a right to attend public schools and to receive a suitable education without disturbance.

Any person who is not a member of the school staff or student body and who loiters or trespasses on or about any district office, school building or grounds, or who causes disturbances may be guilty of disorderly conduct or trespass and may be prosecuted according to law.



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Violence, vandalism, seizure of school buildings or any other disruption of the educational program will not be condoned or tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the appropriate Assistant Superintendent. An annual report of violence and vandalism shall be prepared by the Office of Compliance and Long-Range Planning.

Unauthorized persons who enter into school premises or grounds, cause a disruption or commit illegal acts shall be prosecuted.

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