

Franklin County Board of Education

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A "visitor" is defined as anyone other than the enrolled students in the school and school employees or officials.

Except on occasions, such as school programs, athletic events, open house and similar public events; all visitors will report to the school office when entering the school and will sign a log book. Authorization to visit elsewhere in the building or on the school campus will be determined by the Principal or designee. Guest passes shall be issued for all persons other than students and employees of the school.¹ These passes should be returned to the office and the guest should sign out when leaving the school building or campus.

In order to maintain the conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no other person shall enter onto the grounds or into the school buildings during the hours of student instruction except students assigned to that school, the staff of the school, parents of students, and other persons with lawful and valid business on the school premises.

VISITOR CONDUCT

Persons who come onto school property shall be under the jurisdiction of the site administrator/designee. Individuals who come onto school property or who contact employees on school or district business are expected to behave accordingly. Specifically, actions that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Cursing and use of obscenities;
2. Disrupting or threatening to disrupt school or office operations;
3. Acting in an unsafe manner that could threaten the health or safety of others;
4. Verbal or written statements or gestures indicating intent to harm an individual or property; and
5. Physical attacks intended to harm an individual or substantially damage property.

The visitor code of conduct³ shall be posted on the district's website as well as the school's website, and copies of the code shall be provided to all teachers, counselors, administrative staff, and other school employees. In addition, each school entrance shall have the visitor code of conduct posted prominently along with the phone number of someone in the school's administration who can answer questions about the code.

Annually, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided with a printed copy of the code of conduct, along with the phone number of someone in the school's administration who can answer questions about the code. Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understood the code of conduct.

1 CONSEQUENCES FOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION

- 2 The Principal or his/her designee has the authority to exclude from the school premises any persons
3 disrupting the educational programs in the classroom or in the school, disturbing the teachers or
4 students on the premises, or on the premises for the purpose of committing an illegal act.²
- 5 The Principal shall engage law enforcement officials when he/she believes the situation warrants such
6 measures.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-303(b)(4)
2. TCA 49-6-2008; TCA 39-14-406
3. Public Acts of 2024, Chapter No. 810

Cross References

Grievances & the Americans with Disabilities Act 1.802
Vendor Relations 2.809
Security 3.205
Care of School Property 6.311