

Visits to the Schools

The Yolo County Board of Education ("County Board") and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools ("Superintendent") welcome and strongly encourage members of the community and other interested person(s) to visit the schools. School improvements often come from suggestions originated in such visits.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or Designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with the site administrator or designee. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a visible mean of identification for all individuals who are not students enrolled at the school, County Board members, the Superintendent, or Superintendent employees while on school sites or other premises operated by the Superintendent.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by any person, including students, in any classroom without the teacher's and site administrator's permission. (Education Code 51512.)

The Superintendent and County Board encourage 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 complaint processes of the Superintendent if they have concerns with any program operated by or any employee of the Superintendent. In accordance with Penal Code 626.7, the site administrator or designee of a school site or the Superintendent or designee may request that an individual who is causing a disruption, including exhibiting volatile, hostile, aggressive, or offensive behavior, immediately leave school grounds or other premises operated by the Superintendent.

As used in this policy, school, school site, or school grounds shall mean any site that is owned by the County Board or leased by the Superintendent and on which the Superintendent operates instructional or other programs for students. These terms shall not include any site owned or leased by a school district or other public agency where the Superintendent operates instructional or other programs.

The Superintendent is urged to establish such regulations that will:

1. Encourage visitors to observe schools and programs;
2. Provide for appropriate hospitality for visitors;
3. Channel expressions of approval, as well as constructive criticism to the Superintendent;
4. Ensure that such visits will enhance the effect of the educational program rather than hinder it; and

5. Require all visitors to register in the office of the program administrator upon their arrival at the school.

County Board members who visit schools of their own volition have no more authority than any other citizen. County Board members have authority only in regularly called meetings of the County Board or when delegated specific tasks by County Board action.

Presence of Sex Offenders on Campus

Any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290, including a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a program or school operated by the Superintendent, shall request written permission from the Superintendent or designee before entering school grounds. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement authorities before allowing the presence of any such person at school or school activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall indicate on the written permission the date(s) and time(s) for which permission has been granted. (Penal Code 626.81.)

Gun-Free Schools Act

Any person who possesses a firearm in a place that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is a school zone, may be punished with a felony and up to seven years imprisonment. (Penal Code 626.9.)

This prohibition does not apply when the firearm is an unloaded pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed on the person and is in a locked container or within the locked trunk of a motor vehicle, when the person possessing the firearm reasonably believes they are in grave danger because of circumstances forming the basis for a current restraining order against a person or persons who have been found to pose a threat to their life or safety, or when the person is exempt from this prohibition.

Drug-Free Schools Act

The YCOE strictly prohibits the distribution, use, or manufacture of substances on their property and expects all visitors to comply with federal regulations prohibiting such actions.

Any person who distributes, possesses with intent to distribute, or manufactures a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet of, school district property may be punished with twice the maximum punishment, supervised release time, and fines for violating 21 U.S.C. 841. These penalties vary depending on the substance, but may include minimum sentences of 40 years imprisonment and up to \$200,000,000 in fines. (21 U.S.C. 860.)

Legal References:

Education Code, 35292, 51512
Penal Code, 290, 626.7, 626.81, 626.9
United States Code, Title 21, 841, 860

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