

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Visits to the Schools

The County Office of Education encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to take advantage of offered opportunities to assist and visit the schools, view the educational program, and offer their insights and expertise.

Parents/guardians and the community should be actively encouraged to attend open house activities and other special events. Parents/guardians and the community should be made aware of those procedures which facilitate appropriate visits during regular school days.

The program administrator or designee may refuse to register any visitor whose acts or presence he/she judges would disrupt normal school operation, threaten the health and safety of students or staff, or cause property damage.

To ensure minimum interruption of the regular classroom program, school visits should be first arranged with the teacher and program administrator or designee. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher for a time before school, after school, or during the teacher's preparation period.

The County Office of Education recognizes that under California law, any person whose conduct materially disrupts classwork or extracurricular activities or causes a disturbance on school grounds may be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. When such conduct occurs, the Superintendent may take action leading to the imposition of these penalties.

Possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons, or devices is prohibited on school premises, on any public right-of-way immediately adjacent to school property, or any other place where a teacher and student(s) are required to be in a connection with assigned school activities.

Legal References: See Next Page

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1040 et seq. Duties, powers of boards
- 1240 et seq. General duties (superintendent)
- 1260 Powers to promote advancement of education
- 1262 Consultative and coordinative services
- 32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting; misdemeanor
- 32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor
- 35292 Visits to schools (board members)
- 44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct
- 44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities
- 49334 Injurious objects – notice to law enforcement agency

PENAL CODE

- 242.5 Assault or battery on school property
- 415.5 Disturbance of peace of school
- 626 Definitions (re: disruption of schools)
- 626.4 Notice of withdrawal or consent; report; action on report; reinstatement of consent; hearing; unlawful entry upon campus or facility; punishment
- 626.6 Committing act, or entry upon campus or facility to commit act, likely to interfere with peaceful activities
- 626.8 Disruptive presence at schools
- 626.9-626.10 Bringing or possessing firearms or weapons on school grounds
- 627-627.3 Access to school premises
- 627.4 Refusal or revocation of registration
- 627.5 Hearing request following denial or revocation of registration
- 627.6 Posted signs
- 653 Loitering about schools or public places

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

- 729 Battery on school ground by a minor