

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY

Board Policy KFA: Public Conduct on School Board Property

Parents have a right to direct the education of their children and, thus, have a greater right to be on school property than the general public, but that right is not absolute.

Board policy requires that anyone on school board property must conduct themselves in accordance with acceptable standards of conduct and show respect for the law and the rights of others.

Any person who disrupts the orderly educational process while on school property may be restricted or banned by the Board.

Examples of unacceptable conduct include:

- Using vulgar or obscene language or gestures
- Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances
- Possessing a weapon
- Fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person
- Failing to obey the instructions of a security officer or school district employee
- Interfering in any way with an athletic or co-curricular event
- Engaging in any activity which is disruptive or illegal

If you have an immediate concern about the safety of staff or students – **CALL THE POLICE.**

That being said, banning or restricting a parent's access to campus should be the last resort. You should make every effort to work with the parent, including giving them a copy of the policy and warning them that they are at risk of being banned from campus.

Consult your Executive Director of Student Support – they may be able to help you with the situation by meeting with the parent to address the parent's concerns and/or behavior. The Executive Director's authorization is required in order to ban a parent from campus.

Guidance:

- 1. If you are having repeated problems with a parent or if there is a serious incident on campus, gather all of the facts quickly and accurately. Get written statements from witnesses and video, if possible.***
- 2. If you feel that the parent should be banned from campus because they have engaged in egregious or repeated conduct, consult your Executive Director.***

3. *You and the Executive Director will make a recommendation to Legal Counsel in support of a ban or restrictions, which should be as narrow as possible to achieve your objective.*
4. *Relevant criteria will be the seriousness of the incident, whether there is a concern about the safety of students and staff and whether there is a pattern of unacceptable conduct.*
5. *Counsel will issue a ban letter to the parent with a copy to the Executive Director and Principal.*
6. *The Principal should keep a copy on hand in the event that you need it for the parent or police.*