

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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School Visitors

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The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents or legal guardians, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, and to ensure the safety of ~~pupils-students~~ and staff, the Board directs the enforcement of rules governing school visits.

The Superintendent and building principal each possess the authority to prohibit the entry of any person into a school of this district or to expel any person from the school when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be inimical to the good order of the school. If such a person refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the Principal or Superintendent or their designee is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Visitors shall be required to register their presence in the school. No staff member shall transact business with or permit the continuing presence in the school of a visitor who has not been duly registered.

No visitor may confer with a student in school without the approval of the Principal; any such conference may take place only in the presence of a teaching staff member and/or administrator.

The Superintendent or ~~his/her~~ designee shall develop regulations that will protect ~~pupils-students~~ and employees of the district from disruption to the educational program and the efficient conduct of their assigned tasks while ensuring their safety.

Visitor Procedures for Contagion Prevention

~~In order to prevent the spread of disease during pandemic recovery and to protect the health and safety of students and staff against infection, no visitors shall be permitted in the schools until pandemic restrictions are lifted. The principal may admit a visitor if he or she determines that it is necessary. Depending on the circumstances, the principal may opt to hold parent/guardian-staff meetings virtually instead of in-person. Communication shall be sent to parents/guardians prior to scheduling such meetings. In all such cases, the visitor shall submit to the screening procedure (e.g., temperature and exposure questionnaire) and shall be required to wear a face mask while in the school building. The face mask shall be required in all cases. However, an accommodation may be made where the visitor can demonstrate that wearing a face mask is detrimental to the visitor's health. If a visitor refuses to wear a face covering for a non-medical reason, that individual may not enter the building. A child under two years of age shall not be required to wear a face mask.~~

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