

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform the NWSISD community and the general public of the position of the school board on visitors to NWSISD program and activity sites and NWSISD controlled property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board encourages interest on the part of parents and NWSISD community members in NWSISD programs and activities. The school board welcomes visits to NWSISD programs and activities by parents and community members provided the visits are consistent with the health, education and safety of NWSISD students and employees and are conducted within the procedures and requirements established by NWSISD.
- B. The school board reaffirms its position on the importance of maintaining an educational environment that is safe for students and employees and free of activity that may be disruptive to the educational process or the employee working environment.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Executive Director shall present recommended visitor procedures and requirements to the school board for review and approval. The procedures should reflect input from NWSISD employees, students and advisory groups, shall be communicated to the NWSISD community and the general public. Upon approval by the school board, such procedures and requirements shall be an addendum to this policy.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director, or designee, to provide coordination that may be needed throughout the process and provide for periodic school board review and approval of the procedures.

IV. VISITOR LIMITATIONS

- A. An individual or group may be denied permission to visit a NWSISD program or activity or its controlled property or such permission may be revoked if the visitor(s) does not comply with the NWSISD procedures and regulations or if the visit is not in the best interest of NWSISD, its students or employees.
- B. An individual or group who enters a NWSISD controlled property or visits a NWSISD program or activity without complying with the procedures and requirements may be guilty of criminal trespass and thus subject to criminal penalty. Such persons may be detained by the Superintendent or her/his designee in a reasonable manner for a reasonable period of time pending the arrival of a police officer.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 609.605, Subd. 4 (Trespasses on School Property)

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