

Series 1000 – Community Relations

3. Public Activities Involving Staff, Students or Use of School Facilities

A. Relations Between Public and School Personnel

(6) Conduct on School Property

The Board of Education (Board) expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at school events. District staff will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The Board is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among students, district employees, board members, parents, vendors, contracted individuals, volunteers and the public. It is not intended to deprive any individual of his/her right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free environment for students and staff. Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words cannot be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face legal penalties.

Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal school or office operations; threatens the health and safety of students or staff; willfully causes property damage; uses loud or offensive language; or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on District property, will be directed to leave the premises by a member of the administrative staff or his/her designee.

If any member of the public uses obscenities or speaks in a demanding, loud, insulting and/or demeaning manner, the district employee to whom the remarks are directed will calmly and politely admonish the speaker to communicate civilly. If the abusing party does not take corrective action, the district employee may terminate the communication and will report the incident to his/her supervisor. .

(cf. [1110.1](#) - Parent Involvement)

(cf. [1120](#) - Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. [1250](#) - Visits to Schools)

(cf. [1251](#) - Loitering or Causing Disturbances)

(cf. [1310](#) - Relations Between the Public and School Personnel)

(cf. [1312](#) - Public Complaints)

(cf. [1330](#) - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. [1700](#) - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property)

(cf. 6145.71 - Use of Alcohol by Adults)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
[1-225](#) Meetings of the government agents to be public.
[1-232](#) Conduct of the meeting
[10-221](#) Boards of education to prescribe rule(s), policies, and procedures.
[10-238](#) Petition for hearing by board of education.
[10-239](#) Use of school facilities for other purposes.
[53a-185](#) Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C misdemeanor.

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