

## **VISITORS TO DISTRICT PROPERTY/EVENTS**

### **District Property**

Parents and others interested in the program of the Columbia School District are encouraged to visit district schools and attend district events. The district discourages parents from using the school as a site for visiting students and may refuse the use of the school for that purpose.

In order to avoid disruption of the school program and to ensure that maximum benefits are derived from the visit, all visitors shall report to the office of the principal upon entering the school.

The Board and administration will not tolerate any person whose presence disturbs classes or district activities or hinders the instructional process. Visitors to district property may not possess weapons, including concealed weapons, on district property, on district transportation or at any district function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by the district unless the visitor is an authorized law enforcement official or is otherwise authorized by Board policy.

### **Appropriate Behavior**

The Columbia School District believes that district events are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing positive social interaction, good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior, in addition to knowledge and skills. Well-organized and well-conducted programs contribute to the morale of the student body and strengthen school-community relations.

To this end, the Board encourages district patrons to exhibit good sportsmanship, citizenship, ethics and integrity at all district events and at all times while on district grounds. The district will work with the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and other organizations to promote good behavior by the patrons at athletic and other events. The Board will work with parents, alumni associations and local service organizations to keep appropriate behavior a top priority. The superintendent will establish procedures for crowd control at district events consistent with this policy.

### **Persons Prohibited on or Near District Property or Transportation**

The district prohibits all persons who have pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to or have been convicted of or found guilty of violating the following provisions from being on or within 500 feet of any school building, district property, district activity or any vehicle used to transport students:

1. Any of the provisions in Chapter 566 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

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2. Incest, § 568.020, RSMo.
3. Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, § 568.045, RSMo.
4. Use of a child in a sexual performance, § 568.080, RSMo.
5. Promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 568.090, RSMo.
6. Sexual exploitation of a minor, § 573.023, RSMo.
7. Promoting child pornography in the first degree, § 573.025, RSMo.
8. Furnishing pornographic material to minors, § 573.040, RSMo.
9. Any offense committed in another state, a foreign country, or under tribal, federal or military jurisdiction that, if committed in this state, would be a violation listed above.

Despite the prohibition in this section, the superintendent may grant permission for a parent, guardian or custodian of a student to be on district property for the limited purpose of attending meetings with district staff or other events. Permission will be granted sparingly, if ever, and only in situations where the parent, guardian or custodian will be supervised at all times. If the superintendent does not grant permission, the parent, guardian or custodian may seek permission from the Board. The superintendent will inform the principal and other relevant district staff of the scope of the permission granted.

### **Registered Sex Offenders**

Sex offenders required to be listed on the Missouri Highway Patrol's sex offender registry, or who have pled guilty, pled *nolo contendere* or been convicted of crimes for which the law currently requires offenders to be listed, regardless of when those crimes were committed, are not allowed on district property or at district activities held on district property except to attend meetings of a public governmental body. The superintendent may also make exceptions for parents, guardians or custodians of students enrolled in the district if the person's presence is necessary to transport the student, may benefit the student educationally, or in situations where the parent, guardian, or custodian will be supervised at all times. This section may not apply to a student entitled by law to be on school grounds for educational services if the student's presence is necessary to obtain those services. The exceptions cited in this section do not apply if the person is otherwise prohibited or banned from district property by other sections of this policy.

## Disruptive Conduct

If a visitor's conduct becomes disruptive, threatening or violent, the superintendent, principal or designee may require the visitor to leave. In extreme situations, the superintendent or designee may inform the visitor that he or she is not welcome back on district property or at district events indefinitely or for a specific period of time. During any period of prohibition, the visitor will not be allowed on district property except to attend a meeting of a public governmental body. The superintendent may make exceptions for parents, guardians or custodians of students enrolled in the district if the person's presence is necessary to transport the student, may benefit the student educationally, or in situations where the parent, guardian, or custodian will be supervised at all times. This paragraph does not apply if the person is otherwise prohibited or banned from district property by other sections of this policy.

## Enforcement

If a visitor prohibited from district property or events under this policy is on district property, district staff will contact law enforcement and/or escort the person from district grounds and inform the person of the district policy prohibiting his or her presence.

The superintendent, principal or designee may file a report or sign a complaint with law enforcement on behalf of the district. The Board grants the superintendent or designee the authority to consult an attorney for guidance or to seek a court order banning the visitor from district property. A visitor denied access to district property may request to address the Board on the matter in accordance with Board policy.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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Cross Refs: AC, Prohibition Against Discrimination and Harassment  
BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings  
ECA, Building and Grounds Security  
JEDB, Student Dismissal Precautions

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Legal Refs: §§ 566.149, 589.400, RSMo.  
Mo. Const. art. IX, § 1(a)  
*U.S. Postal Service v. Greenburgh Civic Ass'ns.*, 453 U.S. 114 (1981)  
*Embry v. Lewis*, 215 F. 3d 884 (8th Cir. 2000)  
*Lovern v. Edwards*, 190 F. 3d 648 (4th Cir. 1999)  
*Vukadinovich v. Board of Sch. Trustees of Mich. City*, 978 F. 2d 403 (7th Cir. 1992)

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