

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE**COMMUNITY RELATIONS****VISITS TO THE SCHOOLS**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit their child's classroom, view the educational program, attend open house activities, and attend other special events. Interested members of the public, such as the media and others, may visit as may be appropriate. In all cases, visitation shall be conducted so as to minimize classroom disruptions and avoid impairing the teaching process.

1. If a Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office educational program is located at a facility operated by another local educational agency, such as a school district, the procedures established by that school district for facilitating classroom visits shall be followed to the extent practicable. The Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office division administrator, or his/her designee, may establish additional procedures as may be necessary.

If a Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office educational program is located at a facility operated by the office, the division administrator, or his/her designee, shall develop procedures to facilitate classroom visitation.

If a Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office educational program is located at a facility jointly operated by the office and a non-educational agency, such as the County Probation Department or Mental Health, the procedures established by that agency shall be followed to the extent practicable. The division administrator, or his/her designee, may establish additional procedures as may be necessary. Alternatively, the division administrator, or his/her designee, and the agency may jointly prescribe classroom visitation procedures.

2. Classroom visitation procedures developed by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office shall include the following components to the extent practicable:
 - a. Parents/guardians shall be given written notification of the visitation procedures;
 - b. Visits during school hours will be arranged with either the teacher or principal;
 - c. If a conference is desired, an appointment will be set with the teacher during non-instructional time;
 - d. All visitors, including parents, are required to register immediately upon entering school grounds during school hours;

- e. For purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises;
 - f. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher and principal's permission;
 - g. No weapons or dangerous objects may be brought on to school grounds with out the advance written permission of the principal, except in the case of law enforcement personnel;
 - h. In accordance with Penal Code section 626.4, consent to remain on campus may be withdrawn whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that a person has or may willfully disrupt the orderly operation of the campus;
 - i. In accordance with Penal Code section 626.81, a registered sex offender may not enter upon school grounds;
 - j. In accordance with Penal Code section 626.85, no person may enter upon school grounds without advance written permission who, within the immediate preceding three years, has a felony or misdemeanor conviction of either: (1) unlawful sale, or possession for sale, of any controlled substance; or (2) unlawful use, possession, or being under the influence of any controlled substance where that conviction was based on conduct which occurred, wholly or partly, in any school building or upon any school ground, or adjacent street, sidewalk, or public way;
 - k. Entry upon school grounds will be denied whenever there is reason to believe that a visitor's presence may disrupt the school, its students, its teachers, or its other employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of unlawful or controlled substances.
3. Law enforcement may be contacted when a criminal provision of the Education Code or the Penal Code, relating to school visitation has been violated and, if necessary, to maintain the safety and integrity of the school environment. The following information is provided to facilitate this practice:
- a. Penal Code section 627.1 requires that visitors register upon entering school grounds and a violation is a misdemeanor;
 - b. Education Code section 44810 precludes persons from willfully interfering with the discipline, good order, lawful conduct or administration of a school class or activity, and a violation is a misdemeanor;
 - c. Education Code section 44811 precludes persons from materially disrupting

- school class work or extracurricular activities, and a violation is a misdemeanor;
- d. Education Code section 51512 precludes persons from using any electronic listening or recording devices in any classroom without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal, and a violation is a misdemeanor;
 - e. Penal Code section 626.4 precludes persons from re-entering a school if consent to visit has been withdrawn;
 - f. Penal Code section 626.6 precludes persons from remaining at a school or re-entering a school if he/she has been directed to leave because it appears that such person has committed an act likely to interfere with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the campus or facility, or has entered the campus or facility for the purpose of committing any such act;
 - g. Penal Code section 627.7 makes it a misdemeanor to be on school grounds after having been requested to leave, without having registered, after having been denied registration, or after having registration revoked;
 - h. Penal Code section 626.9 makes possession of a firearm illegal in an area in, or on the grounds of, a school or within a distance of 1,000 feet from the grounds of a school, except in the case of law enforcement personnel;
 - i. Penal Code section 626.10 makes illegal possession of any dirk, dagger, ice pick, knife having a blade longer than 2 ½ inches, folding knife with a blade that locks into place, a razor with an unguarded blade, a taser, or a stun gun, any instrument that expels a metallic projectile such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, CO2 pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun, upon the grounds of, or within a school, except in the case of law enforcement personnel;
 - j. Penal Code section 262.81 precludes a registered sex offender from entering into any school building or upon any school ground without lawful business without written permission from the division administrator or his/her designee;
 - k. Penal Code section 262.85 precludes a “specified drug offender” from entering into any school building or upon any school ground unless they had a child attend school at the site and written permission from the division administrator or his/her designee;
 - l. Penal Code section 653(b) prohibits loitering on or near school grounds after having been directed to leave.
4. The notice, review and fair hearing requirements set forth in Penal Code sections

626.4, 626.6, 626.7 627.5 shall be complied with as may be applicable.

5. Legal counsel may be consulted whenever a particular individual or circumstance becomes problematic.

Legal References:

Education Code

32210 - Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

32211 - Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor

32212 - Classroom interruptions

35160 - Authority of governing boards

35292 - Visits to schools (board members)

51512 - Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

Penal Code

626-626.85 - Schools

627-627.10 - Access to school premises

653(b) - Loitering about school grounds or public places

Welfare and Institutions Code

729 - Battery on School Property/Restitution

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