

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY

Section:	1000 Community Relations	Office Responsible:	Superintendent
Policy:	1360: Visitation Policy		
Related Policies:			

I. Purpose

To provide a clear explanation of procedures for visitors and visitation in Smyrna School District's schools. These rules apply to all persons other than teachers, staff, and students enrolled in the school who may come to the school for any reason during the school day.

II. Authority

*The Smyrna School Board of Education
Delaware Code: Title 14, Section 1049*

III. Definitions

A. **Visitors to the schools** means any person other than a staff member, a contractor, an authorized vendor, or a student who is currently enrolled in the school.

IV. Policy Statement

- A. Parents, guardians, caregivers, and citizens are generally invited and encouraged to show interest in all schools by way of visitation.
- B. Certain days and occasions may be designated as visitation days.
- C. Visitations at other times shall be arranged with the local school administrator – in keeping with any current administrative rules and regulations.
- D. The Smyrna School District of Board of Education believes there is no better way for the public to learn about what is going on in schools than through visits.
- E. To that end, the Board encourages its own members to visit the schools.
- F. The Board and the staff of the Smyrna School District have *a fundamental duty and responsibility to educate the children, and to do so in a safe, secure, and healthy environment.*
- G. Consequently, the Board will not support visits to the schools that are disruptive of the educational program and process and/or jeopardize the safety and health of students and staff.
- H. Visiting schools in the Smyrna School District: The Superintendent of Schools may deem it necessary to implement this policy with specific administrative rules and regulations as they seem fit from time to time.

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- I. The Board and the Superintendent reserve the right to limit or suspend visitation without notice.
- J. Any person not in compliance with this policy will be considered trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Board Approval Acknowledged by:



Kristi Pelezo, President
Smyrna School District Board of Education

Policy Actions

Adopted: 2/13/2023