

**Regulation**

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CROWD CONTROL

The superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure the following procedures are implemented in order to prepare for and supervise each district and school event that includes community attendance such as athletic events, theatrical and musical performances.

Preparation

- A. The Somerville Police Department will be notified of the date and time of the event and the anticipated public attendance. The principal or his/her designee will cooperate with the police department in planning adequate police protection for the event;
- B. All necessary arrangements for traffic flow, parking, accommodations for visitors' buses, and reservation of "no parking" areas will be made. Parking areas must be sufficient in size, well lighted, and adequately policed throughout the event;
- C. The following persons will be assigned and trained as necessary for the event:
  - 1. Game officials, scorers, and timers;
  - 2. District employees, students, and/or volunteers to monitor the event and supervise spectators, each to be issued distinctive identification, such as badges or armbands;
  - 3. Ticket takers, who may be directed to screen for troublemakers; and
  - 4. An announcer, who may state pertinent school policies regarding conduct on school grounds.
- D. The visiting school and/or other organization will be informed of directions to the event, seating, provisions for the athletes/speakers/performers, parking, and security measures. District rules for facility use and conduct on school grounds (1330 Use of Facilities and 5131 Conduct and discipline) will be sent to the visiting school and/or other organization for review prior to the event;
- E. Seating sections will be reserved for school bands, teams, cheerleaders, and special guests. Rival student groups should be separately accommodated in spectator areas, rest rooms, and concessions;
- F. Rules for conduct will be posted at the event and/or included in the program prepared for the event;
- G. All appropriate persons should become familiar with school emergency procedures (6114 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness). An ambulance and/or physician should be present;
- H. Students, cheerleaders (when at the event) and staff attending or participating in the event will be instructed to:
  - 1. Keep a positive attitude and not be antagonistic, provocative, or suggestive;
  - 2. Respect the efforts of visitors in a sportsmanlike manner;
  - 3. Discourage booing and negative demonstrations; and
  - 4. Accept with responsibility their role in modeling civil behavior.
- I. Arrangements will be made for technological equipment and assistance, and audio and video systems as available and appropriate that may be necessary for performers, presenters, officials, coaches, and administrators.

During the Event

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- A. Persons assigned to supervise shall be responsible to report anticipated or initial problems before they worsen;
- B. Lines of communication should be kept open;
- C. Supervision will be provided during half-time or intermission periods;
- D. Rules for conduct will be enforced for students and staff according to board policies 5131 Student Conduct and Discipline and 4119.22/4219.22 Staff Conduct and Dress;
- E. Community members creating a disturbance, found damaging school property, or otherwise in violation of school rules may be removed from the event and/or reported to local law enforcement as appropriate (board policies 1250 Visitors and 1330 Use of School Facilities).

After the Event

- A. Staff, students and community members will be directed out of the facility in an orderly flow;
- B. Supervision will be provided until everyone has dispersed. No loitering will be permitted on school premises;
- C. Visiting presenters, performers, team members, rooters, cheerleaders, and band members will be assisted in their departure;
- D. The superintendent or his or her designee will consult with representatives of the visiting team to insure that all details have been settled.

Spectator Rules

All staff, students and community members attending a school sponsored event are expected to know and observe the following rules. Individuals who violate any of these rules may be evicted from the event. Persistent disregard of these rules may result in removal and possible exclusion from future events. Staff, students and community members shall:

- A. Conduct themselves with decorum and with respect for the rights and property of others at all times, at the school event and while traveling to and from the school event;
- B. Respect and obey those in authority--school officials and police--and the persons assigned by the school to act for those in authority;
- C. Respect the efforts of the students, presenters, athletes, and/or performers involved in the event, and recognize and appreciate the many hours of hard work these individuals dedicated for preparation;
- D. Respect the seating arrangements provided by the school and remain seated in assigned seats during the event;
- E. Respond enthusiastically to the efforts and accomplishments presented, by cheering and applauding and refrain from boos, disrespectful remarks, and other loud negative expressions;
- F. Stay off the stage, arena, or athletic playing area during performances or competitions;
- G. Respect the property of the school by not littering. The premises shall be left as clean as they were found; lavatory facilities, and food and drink concessions shall be used properly;

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- H. Not bring and/or consume alcoholic beverage or narcotic or drug of any kind on school premises and stay away from school premises if under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- I. Not use tobacco product in a school building or in any place on school premises in which smoking is prohibited;
- J. Park as directed, obey traffic rules, and drive with extreme care on school property; and
- K. Respect the efforts of performing or competing visitors, report any violation of these rules to a person in authority.

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