

VISITORS (continued)

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Policy

☒ Other ReasonsVISITORS

The Somerville Board of Education welcomes visits to school by parents/guardians, board members, other adult residents of the community and interested educators, when they fit into the classroom or school routine. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present, and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, the superintendent shall devise regulations addressing visitors' access to the schools.

All visitors shall be required to report to the main office upon entering the building.

A "visitor" is anyone other than a student enrolled in or a staff member employed in the particular school.

Visitors may not speak with the teaching staff or students during class time without the principal's permission.

When the parental rights of a parent have been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the legal guardian must inform the school so that the administration may apply appropriate regulations. The principal shall seek confirmation of legal custodianship where necessary.

No one may visit the school during school hours for the purpose of recommending or exhibiting books, maps, etc. No person shall be allowed to deliver any address or lecture on any subject unless authorized by the superintendent or designee.

All visitors to the schools must obey regulations prohibiting smoking and any other regulations designed to ensure orderly operation of the school. All persons violating this policy shall be considered "disorderly persons" and subject to appropriate action.

Visitor Procedures for Contagion Prevention

In order to prevent the spread of disease during pandemic recovery and to protect the health and safety of students and staff against infection, no visitors shall be permitted in the schools until pandemic restrictions are lifted. The principal may admit a visitor if he or she determines that it is necessary. In all such cases, the visitor shall submit to the screening procedure (e.g., temperature and exposure questionnaire) and shall be

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required to wear a face mask while in the school building. The face mask shall be required in all cases. However, an accommodation may be made where the visitor can demonstrate that wearing a face mask is detrimental to the visitor's health. A child under two years of age shall not be required to wear a face mask.

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Key Words

Visits to the Schools. Visitors

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:18-3	Unlicensed entry of Structures, defiant trespasser; peering into dwelling places; defenses
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-2	Disorderly conduct
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:3D-55 et seq.	<u>New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act</u>

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1220	<u>Ad hoc</u> advisory committees
	*3327	Relations with vendors
	*3515	Smoking prohibition
	*4131/4131.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
	*4231/4231.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
	*5020	Role of parents/guardians
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*5125	Student records
	*5131.1	Harassment, intimidation and bullying
	*5142	Student safety
	*5145.11	Questioning and apprehension
	*6144	Controversial issues
	*9010	Role of the member

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.