

## **Policy KFA- Public Conduct on School Property**

Persons using or upon school district property for any purpose shall not engage in:

1. Any conduct intended to obstruct, disrupt or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative or disciplinary functions, or any activity sponsored or approved by the Board.
2. Physical abuse of or threat of harm to any person or school district owned or controlled property or at school district sponsored or supervised functions.
3. Threat of damage or damage to property of the school district regardless of the location or property of a member of the community or a visitor to the school when such property is located on school district controlled premises.
4. Forceful or unauthorized entry to or occupation of school facilities, including both building and grounds.
5. Unlawful use, possession, distribution or sale of drugs and other controlled substances, alcohol and other illegal contraband on school district property, at school sponsored functions, on any school bus transporting students or within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of the school grounds. (Persons known to be under the influence of liquor shall not be permitted to enter the school building or grounds.)
6. Unlawful possession of a deadly weapon, as defined in state law, on school property or in school buildings unless the person falls within one of the exceptions in state law for possession of a deadly weapon including:
  - a. He has legal authority to carry or possess a deadly weapon.
  - b. He is presenting an authorized public demonstration for the school or an organized class.
  - c. He is carrying out duties for the school district which require the use of a deadly weapon.
  - d. He is participating in an authorized extracurricular activity or team involving the use of firearms.
  - e. He has possession of the weapon for use in an approved educational program which includes but is not limited to any course designed for the repair and maintenance of weapons.
  - f. He is a peace officer on duty.
7. Profanity or verbally abusive language.
8. Any conduct constituting a breach of any federal, state or city law or duly adopted policy and/or regulation of the Board.

9. Loitering, (to stand idly around, to linger, delay, or wander about, or to remain, abide, or tarry in a public place).

Any member of the general public considered by the superintendent or his designee to be in violation of this policy shall be instructed to leave the property of the school district.

a. Restriction of parents and legal guardians from school grounds.

The Board of Education encourages and depends on full parental engagement as a strong component of student achievement. Further, the Board affirms and recognizes all parental rights to advocate for their children, to seek clarification and express opinions about curriculum matters and school governance, as well as to seek resolutions to safety or other issues that interfere with their child's right to receive a quality public education, without fear of retaliation in any form. However, it is the responsibility of staff to ensure a safe and secure school environment conducive to learning, and therefore require the operation of schools to be free of any conduct intended to obstruct, disrupt or interfere with teaching, research, service, administering or disciplinary functions or any other activity sponsored or approved by the Board. As such, parents are required to comport themselves on school grounds according to the guidelines delineated above.

In the event that a parent / legal guardian is found to violate this policy of conduct on school property, he/she may be restricted from the otherwise free access normally afforded to parents and legal guardians to ensure the safe and orderly operation of the school. In that event, a written communication will be provided to the parent or guardian to inform them of the restriction in the building, with the following parameters:

- The letter will contain a reference to the portion of Board policy that was violated.
- The letter will contain a factual, succinct account of the incident.
- The letter will specify a time frame for the restriction from the school building, not to exceed the end of the current school year for non-violent infractions.
- The letter will contain instructions for the parent for appeal of the decision or reference the process for appeal set forth in this policy.
- District Safety and Security or other personnel, upon delivering such communications, will clearly identify themselves and leave business cards for the parent/guardian's reference.

b. Process for appeal of parent/guardian restriction from school grounds.

Under no circumstances should letters of restriction to schools be used in place of conflict resolution or to retaliate against a parent/legal guardian. School leaders are strongly encouraged to consult with their direct supervisor, the Office of Parent Engagement, Safety & Security, and/or any other DPS department reasonably necessary, prior to issuing a letter of restriction, and further to seek district mediation resources, such as requesting mediation through the Office of Parent Engagement.

- Upon the receipt of the letter of restriction, and within 30 days, the parent/legal guardian may write a letter of appeal to the Superintendent, containing the facts of the situation as understood by the parent/legal guardian.
- To assist parents/guardians that require support, the Office of Parent Engagement will be available to assist in transcription and/or translate a written statement to be signed by the parent/legal guardian for submission to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent will issue a decision to be communicated to the parent/legal guardian within 30 days, with a time period not to exceed that of the original letter of restriction.

The Office of Parent Engagement shall maintain a record of any letters of restriction issued and, upon request, provide data to the Board of Education.

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C.R.S. 18-9-106

C.R.S. 18-9-108 through 110

C.R.S. 18-9-117

C.R.S. 18-12-105.5

C.R.S. 18-18-105

C.R.S. 18-18-407 (2)

Revised Municipal Code, City and County of Denver, Article 824.2, revised reference, Ordinance 346, Series 1968

CROSS REF.: GBEB, Staff Conduct

GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace (Alcohol Use/Drug Abuse by Staff Members)

JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

JICI, Weapons in School

KI, Visitors to Schools