

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416
BOARD POLICY

No. 4200

4000 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Public Access to Staff, Students, School Facilities

4200 - Safe and Orderly Learning Environment

Visitors

The Board welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. The Superintendent shall establish guidelines governing school visits to insure orderly operation of the educational process and the safety of students and staff.

Disruption Of School Operations

If any person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol or is disrupting or obstructing any school program, activity, or meeting, or threatens to do so or is committing, threatening to imminently commit or inciting another to imminently commit any act which would disturb or interfere with or obstruct any lawful task, function, process or procedure of any student, official, classified or certificated staff member or invitee of the school district, the superintendent or staff member in charge shall direct the person to leave immediately. If such a person refuses to leave, the superintendent or staff member shall immediately call for the assistance of a law enforcement officer.

Legal Reference:	RCW 28A.635.020	Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty
	RCW 28A.635.030	Disturbing school, school activities, or meetings
	RCW 28A.635.090	Interfering by force or violence - Penalty
	RCW 28A.635.100	Intimidating any administrator, teacher, classified employee or student by threat of force or violence unlawful - Penalty
	RCW 28A.605.020	Parents' access to classroom or school sponsored activities

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Visitors

No. 4200P

The following guidelines are established to permit visitors to observe the educational program with minimal disruption:

- 1) All visitors must register at the office upon their arrival at school.
- 2) Visitors whose purpose is to influence or solicit students shall not be permitted on the school grounds unless the visit furthers the educational program of the district.
- 3) If the visitor wishes to observe a classroom or talk with a staff member, the time shall be arranged after the principal has conferred with the staff member.
- 4) If the purpose of the classroom visitation is to observe learning and teaching activities, the visitor may be required to confer with the teacher before or after the observation to enhance understanding of the activities.
- 5) The principal may withhold approval if particular events such as testing would be adversely affected by a visit. Similarly, if a visitor's presence becomes disruptive, the principal may withdraw approval. In either case, the principal shall give reasons for the action.
- 6) If a dispute arises regarding limitations upon or withholding of approval for visits:
 - A) The visitor shall first discuss the matter with the principal.
 - B) Should a suitable solution not be reached, the visitor may request a meeting with the Superintendent or his/her designee. The latter shall promptly meet with the visitor, investigate the dispute, and render a written decision which shall be final, subject only to the citizen's right to raise an issue in open meeting at a regular session of the Board.