CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Visitors/Outsiders

AR 1250 Community Relations

***Note: Penal Code 627.6 requires that the following notice be posted at the entrance to each school and school grounds. In addition, Education Code 32211 requires that the notice include the "school hours," defined as the period from one hour before classes begin to one hour after classes end, unless it is otherwise defined by the Governing Board. ***

The Superintendent or designee shall post at every entrance to each school and school grounds a notice describing registration requirements, school hours or hours during which registration is required, the registration location, the route to take to that location, and the penalties for violation of registration requirements. (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 627.6)

***Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. ***

Unless otherwise directed by the principal or designee, a staff member shall accompany visitors/outsiders while they are on school grounds.

Outsider Registration

***Note: The following section should be used only by districts that select Option 2 of the accompanying Board policy, which requires registration only for "outsiders" as defined in Penal Code 627.2. ***

Outsiders shall register upon entering school premises during school hours. Any person other than the following is considered an outsider: (Evidence Code 1070; Penal Code 627.1, 627.2)

1. A student of the school, unless currently under suspension

- 2. A parent/guardian of a student of the school
- 3. A Governing Board member or district employee

4. A public employee whose employment requires being on school grounds, or any person who is on school grounds at the school's request

5. A representative of a school employee organization who is engaged in activities related to the representation of school employees

6. An elected public official

7. A publisher, editor, reporter, or other person connected with or employed by a newspaper, magazine, other periodical publication, press association or wire service, radio station, or television station

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Registration Procedure

***Note: Registration items listed below are those required by Penal Code 627.3 when "outsiders" register at a school. Pursuant to Education Code 32212 which authorizes districts to adopt a policy to control classroom interruptions, any district choosing Option 1 in the accompanying Board policy may also use the following list. When a district choosing Option 1 wishes to require the same information of all visitors, "outsider" should be changed to "visitor" in the following section. ***

In order to register, an outsider shall, upon request, furnish the principal or designee with the following information: (Penal Code 627.3)

- 1. His/her name, address, and occupation
- 2. His/her age, if less than 21
- 3. His/her purpose for entering school grounds
- 4. Proof of identity
- 5. Other information consistent with the provisions of law

Principal's Registration Authority

***Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 627.4, the following section applies to districts that choose Option 2 in the accompanying Board policy. However, pursuant to Education Code 32212, districts that choose Option 1 also may use the section, if consistent with their local circumstances. When a district choosing Option 1 wishes to use this section, "outsider" should be changed to "visitor" throughout the following section. ***

The principal or designee may refuse to register any outsider if he/she reasonably concludes that the individual's presence or acts would disrupt the school, students, or employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of a controlled substance. The principal or designee or school security officer may revoke any outsider's registration if he/she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the individual's presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of school activities or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, students, or staff. (Penal Code 627.4)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

When an outsider fails to register, or when the principal or designee denies or revokes an outsider's registration privileges, the principal or designee may request that the individual promptly leave school grounds. When an outsider is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform him/her that if he/she reenters the school within seven days he/she may be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 627.7)

Appeal Procedure

Any person who is denied registration or whose registration is revoked may appeal to the Superintendent or principal by submitting, within five days after the person's departure from school, a written request for a hearing. This request must state why he/she believes the denial or revocation was improper and must provide an address to which the hearing notice may be sent. Upon receipt of the request for a hearing, the Superintendent or principal shall promptly mail a notice of the hearing to the person requesting it. A hearing before the Superintendent or principal shall be held within seven days after receipt of the request. (Penal Code 627.5)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees) (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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