

~~The Transylvania County Board of Education welcomes visitors to the Transylvania County Schools.—~~

~~To protect the safety of students and personnel, all persons entering a school building other than for attendance at a scheduled activity open to the general public shall register and obtain permission at the office of the principal. Registration is not required by students enrolled in the school, employees of Transylvania County Schools, or members of the Transylvania County Board of Education when acting in an official capacity.~~

Trespassing

~~Unauthorized presence on educational property will constitute trespassing. Such persons may be requested to leave the premises by the principal, teacher, custodian, a member of the administrative staff, a member of the Transylvania County Sheriff's Department, a member of the Brevard Police Department, or any duly recognized law enforcement agency.~~

~~Persons failing to comply with any of the above regulations will be considered to be trespassing and in violation of the rules and regulations of the Transylvania County Board of Education and shall be liable for prosecution in conformity with state law.~~

~~A copy of the above rules and regulations will be posted in each school by the principal in conformity with state law.~~

~~The board encourages the community and parents to be involved in and support the schools and the educational program of the schools.—~~

A. OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS

To encourage involvement, the following opportunities are provided to visit the schools:

1. Visitors are welcome to observe and learn about the educational program at each school subject to reasonable rules developed by school administrators.
2. Visitors are encouraged to use school facilities made available to the public, such as media centers or meeting spaces, as provided in policy KG, "Use of Facilities."
3. Visitors are invited to attend school events that are open to the public, such as athletic events, musical programs, and dramatic productions.

B. REQUIREMENTS OF VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

While the Board of Education welcomes visitors to the schools, the paramount concern of the Board is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment in which disruptions to

44 instructional time are kept to a minimum. The Superintendent and each principal shall
45 establish and enforce reasonable rules to address this concern.

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- 47 1. All school visitors during the school day must report immediately to the
48 administrative office at the school to request and receive permission to be in the
49 school. Each principal shall ensure that signs are posted in the school to notify
50 visitors of this requirement.
 - 51 2. School visitors are expected to comply with all school rules and school board
52 policies.
 - 53 3. Persons who are subject to policy ACAC, "Registered Sex Offenders," must
54 comply with the provisions of that policy.

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58 **C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF PROBATION OFFICERS**

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60 To minimize disruption to student learning and school operations, the Board establishes
61 the following additional requirements for visits by probation officers during the school
62 day:

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- 64 1. Probation officers may not visit students on school property during school hours
65 unless the visit is conducted through the Division of Community Corrections'
66 School Partnership Program.
 - 67 2. Visits by probation officers must be authorized in advance by the school principal
68 or designee or be the result of a request for assistance by a guidance counselor or
69 school resource officer. The principal or designee at each school shall coordinate
70 with probation officers to plan and schedule visits to occur at times least
71 disruptive to the student's academic schedule and to school operations.
 - 72 3. To protect the privacy of students, the principal or designee shall designate a
73 private area for probation officers to meet with students away from contact with
74 the general student population. Initial contact with the student will be made by a
75 designated school employee, who shall direct the student to the private area to
76 meet with the probation officer.
 - 77 4. Probation officers may not initiate direct contact with any student while the
78 student is in class or between classes.
 - 79 5. All visits must be conducted in accordance with this policy and any additional
80 guidelines developed by the superintendent or designee.
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D. UNAUTHORIZED, DISRUPTIVE OR DANGEROUS VISITORS

If a school employee becomes aware that an individual is on a school property without having received permission or that an individual is exhibiting unusual, threatening or dangerous behavior, the employee must either direct the individual to the administrative office or notify the principal, designee or school resource officer, depending on the circumstances.

If a school employee suspects that an individual is on school property in violation of policy ACAC, "Registered Sex Offenders," the employee must immediately notify the principal, designee or school resource officer.

Students will be instructed to notify a school employee of any unusual or suspicious behavior by visitors. School employees shall inform the principal or designee immediately of a student's report of suspicious behavior on the part of a school visitor.

When an individual disrupts the educational environment, acts in a disorderly manner, damages school property, or violates Board policy or the law, the principal or designee has authority to:

1. Order the individual to leave school property;
2. Notify law enforcement; or
3. Take any other action deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Failure to comply with a request to leave school grounds may result in the filing of trespass charges or other charges as appropriate against the offending individual.

The Superintendent, upon recommendation from the principal, may deny an individual permission to come onto school grounds or enter a school facility for up to one school year if the individual is guilty of disruptive or dangerous behavior on school grounds.

Legal References: G.S. 14-132, -132.2, -159.11, -159.12, 159.13, -208.18; 115C-46.2, -523, -524, -526

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