

Community Relations

School Visitors

The Orange Board of Education and staff of the school district welcomes and strongly encourage members of the community and other interested persons to visit the schools.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish regulations which:

1. encourage school visitations.
2. provide for appropriate hospitality for visitors.
3. require visitors to provide valid ID and register according to District Regulations in the School Office upon arrival at the school.
4. ensure that such visits will enhance educational programs rather than hinder them.
5. channel expressions of approval as well as constructive criticism to the Board of Education.

Orange Board of Education members are encouraged to visit schools to become acquainted with students, school personnel, and programs; however, Board members do not have any authority during their school visitations. Board members can only take actions in and through regularly called meetings of the Board or the Board's subcommittees, or when delegated to specific tasks by specific Board action.

The Orange Board of Education wants to convey a strong message to the community, faculty, parents, and students about the security of schools against strangers. Refusal to submit a valid ID through the screening system will be considered reason to deny access to the school.

Upon enrollment, and at the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall receive notice regarding the district's procedures to check-in and record visitors as part of its program to promote safety. Parents will be notified that the screening performs an electronic background check, including a registered sex offender search, custody issue alerts, restraining order warnings, and protection from abuse order checks. Signs shall be posted at all schools to explain that valid ID's are required.

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A person is guilty of loitering on school grounds when he/she loiters or remains in or about a school building, or grounds, without a reason or relationship involving custody of, or responsibility for, a student or any other license or privilege to be there.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C misdemeanor.

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