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BP 1250 Community Relations

The Governing Board encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit the schools and view the educational program.

To ensure minimum interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be first arranged with the teacher and principal or designee. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and avoid potential disruptions, all visitors, including parents/guardians, shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Governing Board recognizes that precautions against the COVID-19 virus will require that visits to classrooms, school common areas, and other locations on campus be restricted in the interest of student, staff, and community health. The Superintendent shall develop plans for school visitors so that contact between visitors, staff, and students is consistent with state and local health guidance

The Superintendent shall also develop plans consistent with state and local health guidance for visitors to all BUSD office locations.

(cf. [1112](#) - Media Relations)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

For purposes of school safety and security, the principal or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher and principal's permission. (Education Code [51512](#))

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[32210](#) Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

[32211](#) Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor

[32212](#) Classroom interruptions

[35160](#) Authority of governing boards

[35292](#) Visits to schools (board members)

[51512](#) Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

EVIDENCE CODE

1070 Refusal to disclose news source

LABOR CODE

[230.8](#) Discharge or discrimination for taking time off

PENAL CODE

[626-626.10](#) Schools

[627-627.10](#) Access to school premises, especially:

[627.1](#) Definitions

[627.2](#) Necessity of registration by outsider

[627.7](#) Misdemeanors; punishment

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

95 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 509 (1996)

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