

The Wake County Public School System believes while parent and community involvement should be encouraged in our schools, student and staff safety and protection of instructional time must also be maintained.

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Parents and other citizens shall be encouraged to visit schools. ~~(refer to board policy 2520.2).~~ 2521.2 Parent conferences, volunteer activities, and visits shall be by appointment. ~~(refer to board policy 2520.3).~~ 2521.3 No individual shall by use of passive resistance, noise, threat, fear, intimidation, coercion, force, violence, or other form of conduct cause the disruption of any lawful function, mission, or process of the school ~~(refer to board policy 2212-3012-4012).~~ 2521.4 Individuals who fail to follow this policy shall be subject to the restriction or revocation of visiting privileges.

A. Visitor Guidelines

Planned, organized visits may support instruction and help ensure the safety of all students and staff.

1. All parents, volunteers, and visitors shall enter the school through the main administrative entrance and gain permission from the office before proceeding to their destinations. All parents, volunteers, and visitors shall wear school-issued identification badges at all times during visits.
2. All conferences, volunteer activities, and visits shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time and when instructional time is not compromised.
3. Staff may terminate conferences that are deemed by staff to be unproductive.
4. The principal may place reasonable limits on the frequency or conditions of school visits or communication by parents or other visitors to avoid disruptions and to ensure that a positive, safe, and constructive educational environment is maintained.

B. Visits by Probation Officers:

Probation officers are not authorized to visit students during school hours on school property except as follows:

1. Probation officers of the Division of Community Corrections, when working as part of the Division's School Partnership Program, may visit students during school hours on school property with prior authorization from school administrators. For purposes of this section, authorization includes requests for assistance from guidance counselors or school resource officers.

Visits shall be conducted in a private area designated for such use and located away from contact with the general student population. The probation officer shall not initiate direct contact with a student while the student is in class or between classes. Initial contact with the student shall be made by a school administrator or other designated school employee, who shall direct the student to a private area to meet with the probation officer.

2. Visits by probation officers on school property during non-school hours require the prior approval of a school administrator and shall be made only after initial contact with the student by a school administrator or other designated school employee.

Legal references: G.S. § 115C-46.2

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