

# POLICY

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## **9160 - PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS**

The Board of Education (the “Board”) welcomes the attendance of members of the community at athletic and other public events held by the schools of the district (hereinafter referred to as “spectators”) and acknowledges its duty to maintain order and preserve the facilities of the district during the conduct of such events.

Spectators are permitted to attend extracurricular activities only as guests of the school district. Accordingly, as a condition of this permission, they must comply with the school district’s policies, rules, and regulations. Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, other spectators, or with the performance of employees and/or officials supervising the extracurricular activity and/or event. Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display appropriate behavior and sportsmanship. Any spectator, including adults, who behave in a manner that is not consistent with school district expectations and the sportsmanship policy, may be removed from the event by security personnel, school officials, or by the individual in charge of the event. In addition, the individual may be denied admittance to future school events or activities for a specified period of time.

School officials shall send a notice of exclusion from future extracurricular activities to the spectator involved. Such notice is to be provided from the school principal, assistant principal responsible for athletics, or superintendent. The authority to exclude spectators from activities lies exclusively with the school district administration and Board of Education. Due process for spectators shall be provided in accordance with school district rules, district regulations and Board policies and shall include the opportunity for a hearing with school officials. In the event the spectator removed or denied admittance is a spectator from a visiting school, an effort will be made to work with the administration of the visiting school with respect to future exclusion.

The district shall also have full authority to invoke penalties or pursue legal action as consistent with school rules, district regulations, Board policies and State and Federal law.

The Board may bar the attendance of any person at a school event whose conduct constitutes a disruption. The Board prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at any function sponsored by the district, and, further, prohibits wagering on school premises.

The following are standards for behavior that all spectators must observe. If a spectator engages in prohibited conduct, such violation will be deemed a disruption and will warrant removal from the school-sponsored event and/or facility:

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1. Spectators must conform to the standards of good sportsmanship and behavior;
2. Spectators must at all times respect officials, visiting coaches, players and cheerleaders as guests in the community and extend all courtesies to them;
3. Spectators are prohibited from coaching their child or any player during games and practices, unless the spectator is one of the approved, official coaches of the team;
4. Abusive, verbal or physical conduct of spectators directed at participants, officials or sponsors of activities or at other spectators is prohibited and will not be tolerated;
5. Verbal or physical conduct of spectators that interferes with the performance of students, officials or sponsors of activities is prohibited and will not be tolerated;
6. The use of vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression directed at students, officials or sponsors participating in an extracurricular activity or at other spectators is prohibited and will not be tolerated;
7. There will be no ringing of bells, sounds of horns, or other noisemakers at indoor contests during play. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will be asked to leave the premises;
8. The throwing of debris, confetti, or other objects from the stands is prohibited. Offending individuals will be asked to leave;
9. Spectators will observe the rules of the local school concerning smoking, food and drink consumption, littering and parking procedures; and
10. Spectators will respect and obey all school and game officials, including supervisors, at athletic contests.

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