

Community Relations

Visitors to and Conduct on SASED Property

For purposes of this policy, “SASED property” is defined as all SASED buildings, grounds and parking areas, whether or not such property is currently being used for SASED purposes, SASED vehicles, any location used for a Board meeting, an athletic event or other SASED sponsored event. “SASED property” includes real or personal property owned or leased by SASED, or otherwise used by SASED for SASED purposes.

For purposes of this policy “a visitor” is any person other than an enrolled student or employee. All visitors to SASED programs or property are required to report to the Building Principal’s office and receive permission to remain on SASED property. All visitors must follow the procedures for visitors that are specific to the host district. At the minimum all visitors must sign a visitor’s log, show identification and wear a visitor’s badge. When leaving the building, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents and friends are invited onto SASED property, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow the instructions of SASED and/or host district officials. Persons on SASED property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The Board of Control may designate one or more specific SASED playground areas as available for the use of residents of the surrounding community, outside of the SASED program school day, and as exceptions to the foregoing “visitor” procedures.

Any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member by telephone or email to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher’s conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student’s special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Executive Director or designee.

SASED expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at a school event whether it be on SASED property or at a SASED program within a host district. No person on SASED property or at a SASED event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person;
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner or use vulgar or obscene language;
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device;
4. Damage or threaten to damage another’s property;
5. Damage or deface SASED property;
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance;
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products;
8. Consume, use, possess, distribute, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs: be present when the person’s alcohol or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
9. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
10. Enter upon any portion of SASED premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board;
11. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized SASED employee’s directive;

12. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding;
13. Violate other SASED policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or SASED or host district employee; or
14. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts or adversely affects SASED or a SASED function.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative, upon notifying the appropriate SASED Administrator and Building Principal's office, may meet with a SASED school employee (or group of employees) in the school building during free times of such employees.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender is or has:

1. A parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified SASED Administration and the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion or
2. Has, permission to be present from the Board of Control, Executive Director or Executive Director's designee. If permission is granted, the Executive Director or Board Chairperson shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Executive Director, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school grounds or in any school building; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from SASED property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to SASED events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to SASED Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to SASED events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board of Control. The Executive Director may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Executive Director or designee must provide the person with a notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board of Control hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time and place of the Board of Control hearing,
2. A description of the prohibited conduct (policy violation),
3. The proposed time period that admission to SASED events and/or property will be denied, and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.: Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 730 N.E. 2d 96 (Ill.App.4, 2000)

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §7181 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/24-24, and 5/24-25.

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.

430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Discipline), 8:20 (Community Use of SASSED Facilities),

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