

School Board of Charlotte County Bylaws & Policies

9160 - PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The School Board welcomes and encourages the attendance of members of the community at athletic and other public events held by the schools in the District and acknowledges its duty to maintain order and preserve the facilities of the District during the conduct of such events.

The Board retains the right to bar the attendance of or remove any person whose conduct may constitute a disruption at a school event. School administrators have the authority to call law enforcement officials if a person violates posted regulations or does not leave school property when requested. They are also authorized to use detectors and other devices to better ensure the safety and well-being of participants and visitors.

If a student or adult is asked to leave or is removed from a school event, no admission fees shall be refunded.

No alcoholic beverage or other controlled substance be possessed, consumed, or distributed at any function sponsored by the District and/or at any function occurring on District premises.

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, providing accommodations to parents with disabilities who desire access to their child's educational program or meetings pertinent thereto.

Individuals with disabilities shall have an equal opportunity to purchase tickets for accessible seating for a single event or series of events during the same hours; during the same stages of ticket sales, including, but not limited to, presales, promotions, lotteries, wait-lists, and general sales; through the same methods of distribution; in the same types and numbers of ticketing sales outlets, including telephone service, in-person ticket sales at the facility, or third-party ticketing services, as other patrons; and under the same terms and conditions as other tickets sold for the same event or series of events.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, the Board shall permit individuals with disabilities to be accompanied by their service animals in all areas of the District's facilities where members of the public, as participants in services, programs or activities, or as invitees, are allowed to go.

The Board is aware of the increasing desire of many parents and other members of an audience to use "cam-corders" and other audio/visual devices at school events to make recordings of school events. Such recordings can be made if the performance is not of copyrighted material. If the performance is of copyrighted material, recordings can be made if the District secures the appropriate license authorizing such recordings in advance of the performance. If the performance is of copyrighted material and the necessary license is not secured in advance of the performance, the audience shall be advised before the performance begins that audio and/or video recordings are prohibited. At events when recordings are permitted, the audience will be reminded at the outset that their use of digital recording equipment may not interfere with the conduct of the particular activity or performance, nor impinge on the enjoyment of the event by other members of the audience. The Superintendent will establish rules and procedures governing the use of nondistrict digital recording equipment at any District-sponsored event or activity. Such rules should be distributed in such a manner that members of the audience who wish to record the event are aware of the rules early enough to make proper arrangements to obtain their recordings without causing delay or disruption to the activity.

Any person or organization seeking to film students or a school activity which is not a public event shall obtain prior permission from the Superintendent.

All notices, signs, schedules, and other communications about school events shall contain the following statement:

"In accordance with State and Federal law, the District will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who wish to attend and/or participate in school events. Such individuals should notify the building principal if they require a reasonable accommodation."

28 C.F.R. Part 35

29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

34 C.F.R. Part 104

42 U.S. C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

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