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#### DAILEY ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

## **VISITOR AND VISITOR REMOVAL**

The Morris E. Dailey Elementary School ("Charter School") Governing Board, Fresno Innovative Charter Schools, Inc. ("FICS") hereby adopts a policy governing visitation on school grounds.

#### Posting of Notice

The Charter School Executive Director or his or her designee shall post at every entrance a notice setting forth, visitor registration location and requirements.

## Procedures for Visitors to Charter School Premises

- 1. Any person who is not a student of the School or a School officer or employee shall report his or her presence and the reason for visiting the Charter School to the Executive Director or designee immediately upon entering the School premises.
- 2. The Executive Director or designee shall provide identification to be used by all visitors at all times while on School premises. The visitor shall make this identification visible at all times.
- 3. All visitors registering with the Executive Director or designee will provide the Executive Director or designee with his or her name, affiliation, and his or her purpose for entering the School premises.
- 4. The Executive Director or designee may revoke a visitor's registration if the Executive Director or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor's presence on School premises would likely interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of School activities or is disrupting the School, its students, its teachers, or its other employees or volunteers.
- 5. School employees and volunteers should at all times watch for strangers on the School premises. Employees or volunteers who encounter a visitor not displaying the appropriate identification should ask the visitor whether he or she has registered with the Executive Director or designee. Employees and volunteers should immediately inform the Executive Director or designee of any visitor who refuses to comply with registration requirements.
- 6. Any possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons, or devices on school grounds shall be reported immediately to the Executive Director or designee and may be reported to the local law enforcement agency.
- 7. Any person who fails to register within a reasonable time after entering the School premises, who fails to leave upon the request of the Executive Director or designee, or who returns after leaving pursuant to such a request has committed an unlawful act and may be prosecuted according to law.
- 8. Non-school affiliated visitors shall be escorted while on school grounds.

# Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation and Removal Policy

While the Charter School encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit the Charter School and view the educational program, the Charter School also endeavors to create a safe environment for students and staff.

To ensure the safety of students and staff as well as to minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Charter School has established the following procedures, pursuant to California Penal Code Section 627, *et seq.*, to facilitate visits during regular school days:

- 1. Visits during school hours should first be arranged with the teacher and Executive Director or designee, at least three (3) days in advance. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time, at least three (3) days in advance. Parents seeking to visit a classroom during school hours must first obtain the written approval of the classroom teacher and the Executive Director or designee.
- 2. All visitors shall register with the front office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, address, occupation, age (if under 21), his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and proof of identity. For purposes of school safety and security, the Executive Director or designee may design a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises. If the visitor is a government officer/official (including but not limited to local law enforcement officers, immigration enforcement officers, social workers, district attorneys, or U.S. attorneys) the officer/official will also be asked to produce any documentation that authorizes school access. Charter School shall make reasonable efforts to notify parents or guardians prior to permitting a student to be interviewed or searched, consistent with the law and/or any court order, warrant or instructions from the officer/official. A copy of the documentation provided by the officer and notes from the encounter may be maintained by Charter School, consistent with the law. The Charter School Governing Board and Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice, at BCJ@doj.ca.gov, will be timely informed regarding any attempt by a law-enforcement officer to access a school site or a student for immigration-enforcement purposes, as recommended by the Attorney General.
- 3. The Executive Director, or designee, may refuse to register an outsider if he or she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor's presence or acts would disrupt the Charter School, its students, its teachers, or its other employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of unlawful or controlled substances.
- 4. The Executive Director or designee may withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the school, or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, its students, its teachers, or its other employees.
- 5. The Executive Director or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or revoked, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the Executive Director or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 6. Any visitor who is denied registration or has his/her registration revoked may request a hearing before the Executive Director or the FICS Board on the propriety of the denial or revocation. The request shall be in writing, shall state why the denial or revocation was improper, shall give

the address to which notice of hearing is to be sent, and shall be delivered to either the Executive Director or the Board President within five (5) days after the denial or revocation. The Executive Director or Board President shall promptly mail a written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing to the person who requested the hearing. A hearing before the Executive Director shall be held within seven days after the Executive Director receives the request. A hearing before the Board shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the Executive Director receives the request.

- 7. The Executive Director or designee shall seek the assistance of the police in dealing with or reporting any visitor in violation of this policy.
- 8. At each entrance to the Charter School grounds, signs shall be posted specifying the hours during which registration is required, stating where the office of the Executive Director or designee is located and what route to take to that office, and setting forth the penalties for violation of this policy.
- 9. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without prior written approval by the teacher and the Executive Director.

#### Penalties

- 1. Pursuant to the California Penal Code, if a visitor does not leave after being asked or if the visitor returns without following the posted requirements after being directed to leave, he/she will be guilty of a crime as specified which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 or imprisonment in the County jail for a period of up to six (6) months or both.
- 2. Further conduct of this nature by the visitor may lead to the Charter School's pursuit of a restraining order against such visitor which would prohibit him/her from coming onto school grounds or attending Charter School activities for any purpose for a period of three (3) years.