

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

RULE NO.: 9.60

RULE TITLE: Visitors

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To modify the existing visitors policy to clarify procedures for parents walking children to their assigned classrooms.

SUMMARY: This proposed policy is a modification of a prior version of it and provides clarity regarding permitted visitor protocols at school district schools. This proposed policy encourages approved visitors to visit district K-12 schools subject to security requirements that include entry through a single point of entry and vetting through the school district's RAPTOR system, but with flexibility permitted for principals so long as the policy's intent and minimum security protocols are adhered to. The policy permits approved visitors to walk students to their classrooms in the morning, required them to follow all rules while at schools, and to promptly depart after doing so. The failure to do so could result in sanctions. The policy provides that parents who wish to communicate with teachers should make appointments with teachers at different times.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The School Board has determined that this rule will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: No SERC is required at this time by FS 120.54 or FS 120.541. In the event a SERC becomes required, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida will promptly prepare one.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Section 1001.41, 1001.42, Fla. Stat.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Sections 1006.07, 1006.145, Fla. Stat.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN CONFORMANCE WITH FS 120.54(3) AND 120.81(1)(d).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Patrick Duggan, Esq., legal counsel for the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, c/o Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, 240 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, FL, 3423, (941) 366-6660.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

CHAPTER 9.00 - SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

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The board encourages parents, as defined by Florida Statutes, and other approved visitors ~~and other interested citizens~~ to visit the schools. The principal in conjunction with district security personnel will regulate visits both

within the school and on the campus for purposes of security and to ensure that visitors do not interrupt the instructional program or violate other school or district protocols.

- I. Any person entering the premises of a school shall enter through a single point of entry designated by the principal in conjunction with district security personnel, report to the school's reception desk, and make known the purpose of the visit prior to making further entry into the school. All visitors shall sign in and receive clearance to enter at the reception desk through the Raptor system, and comply with all visitor management requirements throughout the duration of their visit, and follow the procedures described in Policy 3.40. Prospective visitors will be denied entry if a lawful reason to deny entry exists.
- II. A student not enrolled in the school, an adult without a child enrolled in the school as a student, or a child who is not a student not who is unaccompanied by a parent who is visiting the school is prohibited from visiting a school unless otherwise approved by the principal.
- III. Principals in conjunction with district security personnel may issue additional regulations regarding visitation to account for the unique dynamics of a particular school in further of the efficient operation of the individual school so long as the minimum requirements and overall intent of this policy are satisfied. Principals shall communicate school visitation protocols to parents at least annually and any time modifications to existing school-specific visitation protocols occur.
- IV. While on campus, visitors are expected to make initial entry in conformance with this policy and follow all laws, school rules, school directives, and other school protocols while on school grounds. The failure to do so may result in removal, denial of future visitation, arrest, and/or issuance of a trespass warning.
- V. III. Parents are invited to visit the schools that their student(s) attends. To avoid interrupting the daily program, the parent who wishes to communicate with the teacher or other school personnel should request a conference for after school hours or during a teacher's conference period.
- VI. IV. Any person who enters or remains upon district property without administrative approval or after being asked to leave may be found to be trespassing and, therefore, in violation of Florida Statutes and subject to arrest and penalties as defined by statutes.
- VII. No provision in this policy shall prohibit a parent in good standing with the Sarasota County School District from walking their student(s) to their assigned classroom during morning arrival. The parent shall comply with all provisions in this policy before entering the campus, promptly depart the drop off area after walking their children, and check-out with the school immediately after dropping their student(s) at the designated location.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.42, F.S.

LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:

1006.07, 1006.145, F.S.

HISTORY:

ADOPTED: 08/21/01

REVISION DATE(S): 01/16/07, 11/06/18

NOTES:

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Bridget Ziegler, Board Chair in conjunction with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Allison Foster.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: Approved for advertising on February 21, 2023. Final approval by School Board of Sarasota County, Florida is to be determined.

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FS 120.81(1)(d): March 2, 2023.

