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9160 - PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages members of the community to attend athletic and other public events held by the schools in the District. Due to the need 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 are expected to call law enforcement officials if a person violates posted regulations or does not leave school property when reasonably requested. In accordance with Board Policy 7440 and AG 7440B, administrators may use metal detectors and other devices to protect the safety and well-being of participants and visitors.

For all school-affiliated events where admission is charged, cash shall be accepted as a method of payment. If concessions are offered, there will be at least one (1) concession stand that will accept cash. If concessions are sold on multiple floors, then at least one (1) location on each floor will accept cash. **The cost of admission for school-affiliated events shall not vary based on payment method, except that the District may charge a processing fee for any ticket purchased online or by credit card. The cost of admission for a student enrolled in any school participating in the school-affiliated event shall be less than the cost of admission for an adult at the same event.** Persons who receive cash at designated collection points will deposit the cash with the Treasurer/CFO on the next business day of receipt in accordance with **Board** Policy 6600.

No alcoholic beverage or other controlled substance may be possessed, consumed, or distributed at any function sponsored by the District or occurring on Board property.

Raffles and similar forms of fund-raising by District-related organizations may be permitted by the Superintendent in accordance with **Board** Policy 9211 - District Support Organizations and **Board** Policy 9700 - Relations with Special Interest Groups.

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.

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

Individuals with disabilities shall have an equal opportunity to purchase tickets for events that have been sanctioned or approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

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. (See **Board** Policy 8390)

Smoking and/or the use of tobacco and/or tobacco substitute products is prohibited at any time within any enclosed facility owned, leased or contracted for by the Board, and in areas directly or indirectly under the control of the Board immediately adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to such facilities. For purposes of this policy, 'use of tobacco' means to chew or

maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, or tobacco substitutes, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco or nicotine (including synthetic nicotine), in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes, and/or smoking of electronic, 'vapor,' or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, and any other smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substances (See **Board** Policy 7434).

Such prohibition also applies to school grounds and any school-related event.

The Board is aware of the increasing desire of many parents and other members of an audience to make audio and/or video recordings of school events.

Such recordings can be made by parents or other members of the audience without restriction if the performance is not of copyrighted material. However, if the performance is of copyrighted material, recording can be made if the appropriate license authorizing such recordings has been secured in advance by the District. If the performance is of copyrighted material and the necessary license has not been secured in advance by the District, the audience shall be advised before the performance begins that audio and/or video recordings that will be re-broadcast or distributed in any way, such as posting on the internet, are prohibited.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish rules and procedures governing the use of nondistrict audio/visual recording equipment at any District-sponsored event or activity. Such rules are to 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 an activity.

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

All notices, signs, schedules, and other communications about school events must 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 administrator if they require a reasonable accommodation.'

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Legal	R.C. 955.43, 1716.02, 1716.03
	R.C. 3313.5319
	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