

COMMUNITY RELATIONS
VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

GKC
(REGULATION)

GENERAL RULES FOR
VISITORS

The school will provide a designated waiting area for parents or guardians; passes are not required while in this area.

Anyone needing to go beyond the waiting area must register at the office and receive a pass.

Passes must be worn by visitors at all times and returned to the office when the visitor signs out.

All school employees will assist in enforcing the requirement that visitors wear passes.

A person wishing to visit a classroom, whether during instructional time or for a parent/teacher conference, must make arrangements in advance with the principal and/or the teacher.

When the principal or designee has determined that a visitor must meet with a student or a teacher in an emergency, the teacher or student will be called to the office.

ACCEPTABLE
FORMS OF
IDENTIFICATION

The following forms of identification with photograph may be accepted at all HISD campuses:

1. Texas Driver License;
2. State ID Card;

ASSEMBLY
PROGRAMS

Any visitor attending an assembly program must go directly to the assembly area, unless issued a pass to visit another area of the campus.

ACADEMIC
OBSERVERS

University students or instructors, or other persons wishing to observe instruction for academic purposes, must make arrangements in advance with the principal and the teachers whose classrooms will be observed and register in the office upon arrival at the campus.

ELECTIONS

No visitor passes will be required for voters proceeding only to and from the polling stations; however, school personnel will monitor and assist the flow of voters.

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PARENT AS
REGISTERED SEX
OFFENDER

Unless present for the purpose of voting or attending Board meetings, a registered sex offender who is a parent will only be given access to a school campus for the purpose of:

1. Transporting his or her child to or from school;
2. Picking up his or her child's assignments from the campus administrative office;
3. Attending scheduled meetings or conferences with school personnel to discuss matters related to his or her child in a secure area within, or near, the campus office;
4. Attending ceremonies, competitions, or performances in which his or her child is participating;

A parent who is a registered sex offender will not be permitted on school property if:

1. The person's parental rights have been terminated.
2. The person is prohibited by court order or conditions of probation from being present at school.

REGISTERED SEX
OFFENDERS
REQUEST TO VISIT
DISTRICT
PROPERTY

Unless present for the purpose of voting or attending Board meetings, a registered sex offender, including a parent wishing to visit for reasons other than those listed above, wishing to visit school property must submit a written request to the Superintendent for permission to visit District property and must not visit District property until and unless written permission is returned by the Superintendent.

If permission is granted, the Superintendent will provide to the appropriate campus administrator written notification that includes the reason and expected duration of the visit.

REGISTERED
SEX
OFFENDERS
ON DISTRICT
PROPERTY

When a registered sex offender has written permission to visit District property, he or she must:

1. Go directly to the campus administrative office for visitor registration;

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2. Be escorted and directly supervised by school personnel for the duration of the visit; and
3. Sign out at the campus administrative office upon departure.

School personnel will ensure that the registered sex offender leaves school property immediately after signing out.

IDENTIFICATION AT
REGISTRATION

When any visitor, including a parent, is identified as a registered sex offender during visitor registration, the office staff will:

1. Ask the visitor to remain in the office;
2. Notify a building administrator immediately; and
3. Ensure the visitor does not leave the office without being escorted by school personnel.

CONFIRMATION

When a building administrator is notified that an identified sex offender is on campus, he or she will:

1. Contact law enforcement, if necessary, to confirm that the visitor is a registered sex offender.
2. Determine whether the visitor has received written permission from the Superintendent to be on school property.
3. Determine if the visitor is the parent of a child enrolled at the school.
4. Determine, if possible, whether parental rights have been terminated.

REGISTERED
SEX
OFFENDERS
NOT
PERMITTED
ON DISTRICT
PROPERTY

If the campus administrator determines that a registered sex offender is on District property without written permission he or she may:

1. Escort the person off school property; and/or
2. Notify law enforcement of the incident.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS	A registered sex offender is permitted to attend any Board meeting if he or she goes directly to the meeting site posted on the Board agenda, remains at the meeting site, and leaves District property immediately after the meeting.
ELECTIONS	A qualified voter who is a registered sex offender is permitted to vote during voting hours at an official polling place on District property if he or she goes directly to the polling place and then leaves school property immediately after voting.
VOLUNTEERS	Registered sex offenders may not serve as HISD volunteers.
APPEAL	Any person seeking review of these procedures may pursue a grievance through FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL), as applicable.