

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

The School Committee encourages visits to school buildings by citizens, taxpayers, and parents in order to evaluate the quality of education in Duxbury, determine its needs, and to join with the School Committee in improving our schools. We urge the taxpayers of Duxbury to visit our school facilities in accordance with reasonable procedures to control such visits consistent with the need to maintain safety, order, discipline and the tranquility of the educational climate. The School Committee believes that the parents of children attending the schools have special rights and responsibilities, in addition to those of taxpayers generally, to keep themselves informed as to the day-to-day operation of the schools. Principals are requested to continue strong efforts to ensure that parents are aware of this policy and that parents are cordially invited to visit our schools. We hope to develop a spirit of mutual cooperation which will benefit the students.

1. Guests and visitors, including parents and members of the media, must register in the school office. Sign in/sign out logs and identification badges will be furnished. Signs will be posted on all outside doors directing visitors to register first at the office.
2. Classroom visits should be planned ahead with the consent of the principal or designee, and notice given to teachers when deemed appropriate by the Principal.
3. In order not to interfere with the education of children, and in order not to overcrowd a particular school or classroom, the Principal shall have the right to deny a request to visit a particular classroom at a particular time, to restrict the number of visitors to a particular classroom at a given time, and the right to determine a reasonable period of time for a visitor to remain in a classroom. "Classroom" is broadly defined to include all instructional areas of school. The Principal has the right to deny a request to visit a school-sponsored activity if to grant the request would interfere with the education of children or with a school program. In such determinations, preference would be given to parents of children attending the school.
4. Students wishing to bring a guest to school must obtain prior approval from the office. No visitor permission will be granted to former students who have been excluded from the school, or to previous visitors who have been uncooperative with school personnel, or have disrupted instruction or functioning of the school.

CROSS REF.: IHBA, Observations of Special Education Programs