



## School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

### PROTECTION OF STUDENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF ORDER

**Policy No. 5145**

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#### **Preamble**

The Board believes that no person has the right to disturb or disrupt the proceedings of a school or any school function.

#### **Policy**

**Subject to the attached Regulations, the Board authorizes any Board employee who has reasonable belief that a person is in violation of Section 177(1) and (2) of the *School Act*, to make direction for that person to leave the land or premises of a school.**

#### **Regulations**

The following procedures refer to unwelcome visitors to the schools and any school function including, but not limited to, sports events, dances, and performances.

1. Any person who is in the school building without a legitimate purpose or who is disrupting or interrupting the proceedings of a school or school function, may be asked to leave. That request must be made before the RCMP are called.
2. Wherever possible, the principal or vice-principal should be the person who directs the visitor to leave the building or grounds, and a witness to the request should be present whenever possible.
3. An employee who encounters an unwelcome visitor should notify the school administration. The employee should direct the visitor to leave only if the principal or his or her delegate is not available. A witness should be present whenever possible.
4. The person who makes the request that the visitor leave shall document the request showing the date, time, reason and the name of the witness. Copies shall be filed in the school office and at the School Board Office.
5. The person directed to leave should be told that he or she may not return. He or she should not be interviewed by any school personnel as this may constitute a violation of his or her rights.
6. If the visitor refuses to leave, the RCMP should be called for assistance.
7. If the visitor is or appears likely to be violent, the RCMP should be contacted at once.

Note When a convicted sexual offender is found loitering or wandering in or

near a school ground, playground, public park or bathing area he/she commits the offence of vagrancy as per Section 175(1)(e) of the Federal Criminal Code.

**Regulations Attachments**

**A. Maintenance of Order, School Act Section 177**

- 1. A person must not disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school or an official school function.
- 2. A person who is directed to leave the land or premises of a school by a principal or vice-principal, or a person authorized by the board to make that direction
  - a. must immediately leave the land and premises, and
  - b. must not enter on the land and premises again except with prior approval from the principal, or a person who is authorized by the board to give that approval.
- 3. A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.
- 4. A principal of a school or a person authorized by the board may, in order to restore order on school premises, require adequate assistance from a peace officer.

**B. Registered Letter to Unwelcome Visitor**

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

On (date) at (time), you were directed to leave the land and premises of (school) by (principal, vice-principal, employee) in accordance with Section 177 of the School Act.

This is to advise you that you are not to return to the land and premises of (school) without specific permission from the principal.

Sincerely,

(signature)

cc: Superintendent of Schools  
RCMP