



Board Policy 715 Loitering

Visitors

Members of the public who visit any facility of the West Hills Community College District are regarded as guests of the District. As such, they are restricted to the use of the facilities in regard to time of day, safety, activity, welfare and upkeep of buildings, grounds and equipment, both public and private. Visitors include registered students on the grounds during hours when classes and activities are not regularly scheduled.

During those hours when classes are not generally scheduled, guests are invited to visit only those areas where organized activities are in progress. Visitors are not allowed to loiter or indiscriminately wander about the campus or properties of the district without good reason or authorization. Any unauthorized use of facilities will be enforced through arrest and prosecution or other legal action deemed appropriate by the District.

Unattended Children

All children under the age of 18 years that are found on campus without supervision of parents or an adult will be regarded as “unattended children”. The presence of such “unattended children” presents a significant problem in terms of their safety and welfare and poses an issue of institutional liability should there be an accident involving the child.

If an unattended child is found, an attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of the child’s parent or guardian will occur and supervision will then be transferred to the adult.

Any unattended child that comes into any District school building or grounds and whose presence or acts interfere with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the college or disrupts the college or its students or college activities will be detained until the child’s parent or guardian is found and supervision will then be transferred to the adult.

The parent or guardian will then be advised that leaving his/her child unattended on campus may be construed as “abandonment” and that repeated incidents may necessitate that legal action be taken.

Unauthorized Visitation of Classes and/or Loitering on School Grounds

No person who is not a student of West Hills Community College District shall loiter upon the properties of the District or enter any classrooms or teaching areas when classes are in session without the express written permission of the instructor and/or the President or his/her administrative designee. Any person who is not a student of the West Hills Community College District, a parent or guardian of a student, or an officer or employee of the school district, or who is not required by his/her employment to be on the grounds or classrooms under the auspices of the District and who has entered any public school building or the grounds during school hours, and who is requested by the President or his/her designee to leave the school building or school grounds, shall promptly depart therefrom and shall not return thereto for at least 48 hours or have permission of the President.

The policy shall be administered under Penal Code Section 626 and subsections.

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