

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: 900 Community

TITLE: Public Attendance At  
School Events

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## PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

### Purpose

The School Reform Commission welcomes the public at activities and events sponsored by the school district, but the School District also acknowledges its duty to maintain order and preserve school facilities during such events.

### Authority

**The SRC has the authority to remove any individual from a school event whose conduct constitutes a disruption as defined in this policy and prohibit that individual's attendance at future school events notwithstanding any legal protections to the contrary.** [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

### Definitions

**Disruption** - a disturbance or problem that interrupts a District or school-sponsored event, activity, or process.

**Tobacco** - a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking product or material and smokeless tobacco in any form. [\[3\]](#)

**Controlled substances** - means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in schedules I through V of the Controlled Substance Act. [\[4\]](#)

**Weapons** - a thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage. [\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

### Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee may report incidents involving the disruption of public events on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and SRC policies. [\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of violence, possession of a weapon, and use or sale of a controlled substance or tobacco by any person on school property to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.[\[7\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

The district shall annually notify staff, parents/guardians and members of the public about the district's tobacco use policy by publishing such in handbooks, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.[\[3\]](#)

### *Gambling and Controlled Substances*

The School District prohibits gambling and the possession and use of controlled substances and alcoholic beverages on school premises.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

### *Weapons*

The School District prohibits the possession of weapons in any school district buildings, on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and on any district vehicle.

### *Tobacco*

The School District prohibits tobacco use by any persons in its school buildings and on any property, buses, vans and vehicles that are owned, leased or controlled by the school district.[\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

### *Profanity*

Players, participants, coaches, directors, advisors and spectators are expected to refrain from using foul, abusive and/or abrasive language. Profanity of any type can be cause for immediate removal from school property.

### **Accommodations**

A disabled parent/guardian or authorized visitor to a school event that requires a reasonable accommodation to assist in his/her attendance/participation in the event should contact the event administrative organizer at least three (3) business days in advance of the scheduled event or three (3) days following receipt of notice of the event, whichever accomplishes the earliest notice to the school district. Requests should be made as early as possible because some accommodations require additional time to prepare/arrange.

### *Service Animals*

Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by their service animals while on district property for events that are open to the general public in accordance with SRC policy and state and federal law and regulation.[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

### **Legal References:**

1. 24 P.S. 511
2. 24 P.S. 775

- 3. 35 P.S. 1223.5
- 4. Title 21 U.S.C.
- 5. 20 U.S.C. 7183
- 6. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
- 7. 24 P.S. 1303-A
- 8. 22 PA Code 10.2
- 9. 22 PA Code 10.22
- 10. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 6305
- 11. Pol. 805.1
- 12. 43 P.S. 953
- 13. 28 CFR 35.136
- 14. Pol. 718

**Related Information:**

- 24 P.S. 696
- 22 PA Code 403.1
- 20 U.S.C. 7181 et seq
- 28 CFR Part 35
- Philadelphia Home Rule Charter - 12-300