



Santee School District Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors

*A school must be a safe place for all students and all staff.
Every student and staff member deserves to feel respected and free from
physical harm, intimidation, harassment, and bullying.*

*In order to maintain a safe and respectful educational environment for all
students and staff members of Santee School District, it is essential all parents and
visitors to our schools be aware that they must adhere to the Code of Conduct.*

- Public Conduct on School Property -

All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. The school principal or his/her designee is responsible for all persons in the school and on the grounds. The following rules apply to visitors to all Santee School District schools:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the main office upon arrival at the school. They will be required to sign the visitor's register and will be issued a visitor's badge, which must be worn at all times while at the school or on school grounds. The visitor must sign out before leaving the school.
3. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as awards assemblies or public gatherings, are required to follow the direction of site administration to sign in at the office or assemble in a specific area of the school campus.
4. Parents or visitors who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits with the principal. Visits will be at the principal's discretion so that class disruption is kept to a minimum.
5. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or his/her designee. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. Law enforcement may be called if the situation warrants.

- Conduct Prohibited on School Property and at School Events -

No person shall:

1. Use threatening, intimidating or profane language when speaking to a student or staff member or other adults.
2. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, arrival, dismissal, school programs, field trips, or other school activities.
3. Intentionally injure any other person or threaten to do so.
4. Approach someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise him/her because of perceived actions. (Such an approach may have legal consequences.)
5. Take pictures or use an electronic listening or recording device in a classroom or anywhere on school property without the teachers' and principal's permission.
6. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school district officials performing their duties.

- Persons in Violation of the Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors -

If a visitor is in violation of the Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors, the authorization of a visitor to remain on school grounds or at any school function shall be withdrawn, and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, a call will be made to law enforcement.

The district reserves its right to pursue a civil or criminal legal action against any person violating the Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors.¹

¹ Education Code Section 44811: Any parent, guardian, or other person whose conduct in a place where a school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties materially disrupts classwork or extracurricular activities or involves substantial disorder is guilty of a misdemeanor.