

## SECTION 8 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### 8.1 Parent Campus or Classroom Visits, Tours or Observations.

**Parents of Enrolled Students.** In accordance with Arizona law, parents of students enrolled at the School may request to visit, tour, or observe their child’s classroom (a “campus visit”), subject to the following parameters:

- All campus visit requests must be received by the School at least 24 hours in advance of the proposed visit, provided that the school, in its sole discretion, may waive the 24-hour advance notice requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- Campus visit requests will be promptly reviewed by the Executive Director, with input from the classroom teacher.
- Campus visit requests will be approved unless they threaten to interfere with the physical, intellectual, social, or emotional health and/or safety of students and staff.

During any approved campus visit, parents will be subject to all policies applicable to campus visitors generally, including safety requirements for providing identification, signing in and out of the campus, and if applicable, being accompanied by School staff.

**Parents of Potential Students.** In accordance with Arizona law, parents who wish to enroll their child in the School may request a campus visit, subject to the same parameters set forth above for parents of enrolled students. In addition, parents of potential students will be required to be accompanied at all times during any campus visit by a current staff member.

**Scheduling.** Approved campus visits will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time for the School and the parents, and may be limited to a specific time frame, at the School’s discretion.

**Health and Safety Parameters.** For purposes of this policy, the following requests threaten to interfere with the physical, intellectual, social, or emotional health and/or safety of students and staff, and are therefore not allowed:

- Requests for campus visits during state testing, other testing periods, or at other times that would clearly interfere with educational instruction or disrupt the educational environment.
- Requests for campus visits by parents who have demonstrated failure to abide by Parent Behavioral Expectations (set forth below), or who have otherwise failed to abide by campus visitation policies of the School.
- Requests that, for other reasons, threaten to interfere with the physical, intellectual, social, or emotional health and/or safety of students and staff.

**Parent Behavioral Expectations.** During any campus visit, parents are expected and required to comply with all campus visitor procedures and to comport themselves at all times

with appropriate decorum and in a manner that is respectful and conducive to an environment in which the educational objectives of the school can be effectively administered. Consistent with this expectation, any parental behavior that constitutes harassment, bullying, or verbal or physical abuse of staff or students, or that otherwise disrupts the educational environment is expressly prohibited.

In addition, parents may not interfere with instruction or distract from the instructional environment, nor may parents help their child with their schoolwork during a campus visit, unless specifically allowed by the classroom teacher.

Parents who disregard these behavioral expectations while on School grounds will be ejected from campus; may be prohibited from future campus visits or subject to other limitations on future campus visits; and may be subject to other consequences under applicable law or policy.

8.2 Other School Visitors. Except as set forth in Policy 8.1, above, no person shall visit or audit a classroom or other school activity or come upon and remain upon School premises, without approval by the Executive Director or their authorized representative. Persons attending special School functions shall confine themselves to the specific part of the building related to the functions. All visitors to any School site must first report to the School office. No person other than a peace officer may carry or possess a weapon, including a firearm, on School grounds. Classroom volunteers who are not the parent or guardian of a currently-enrolled student must be fingerprinted before being allowed in a classroom or otherwise spend unsupervised time with students. Any costs associated with fingerprinting will be born by the volunteer.

8.3 School Community Complaints. To the extent not covered by a specific complaint or grievance policy, complaints received from members of the public who are not School employees, parents or students will be handled by the Executive Director, who may delegate investigation and attempted resolution to an appropriate staff member. Unless otherwise required by policy or law, the Executive's Director's decision regarding public complaints will be final. The Executive Director will advise the Governing Board of any complaints that may lead to publicity or contacts directly from the member of the public or in such circumstances as the Executive Director otherwise believes is prudent.

8.4 Community Use of School Facilities. School facilities may be used only by those organizations that are either school related or whose membership is open to the public and whose activities promote the educational mission of the School, to be determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Director. The Executive Director may permit the use of the School facilities by these organizations without compensation, except that if the School will incur significant costs as the result of the use, the Executive Director shall require the organization to pay a reasonable fee for the use of the property and shall determine such other conditions for use as are reasonable. Such fee shall be determined based on the status of the organization (non-profit v. for-profit) and the resources that will be needed for the use. The Executive Director may deny a request for use of space by such organizations if it would delay, cancel or interfere with a School-sponsored activity or if the use of the space would jeopardize the safety and welfare of students and/or staff.

**Commented [LA1]:** This is narrow, and you could decide to let any community organization use your facilities upon payment for them. But consider whether you would be ok with the We Love Guns group (or something similar) renting your space. If you open it up to some organizations in the community that are not related to your educational mission, you have to open it up to all organizations.

8.5 Distribution of Promotional Materials. The Executive Director shall have the authority to determine what, if any, non-School promotional materials may be distributed or displayed at the School. The determination shall be made based on the perceived benefit of the promotional materials to the School community, and not based on the viewpoint expressed in the materials, if any.