

## **Rising Ground Preschools**

### **Code of Conduct VISITORS TO SCHOOL**

The Superintendent and Vice President of Preschool encourages parent(s)/guardian(s) and other community citizens to visit the Rising Ground Preschools to meet with teachers and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. The building principal or his/her designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. For these reasons, the following rules apply to visitors to the schools:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student at the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the office of the principal or the visitor's desk upon arrival at the school. There they will be required to sign the visitor's register and follow all requirements for entry.
3. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organization meetings or public gatherings, are required to register.
4. Teachers are expected not to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
5. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or his/her designee. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave.
6. The police may be called if the situation warrant. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in this code of conduct.
7. Visitors employed in those professions that require the possession of firearms (i.e., police officer or corrections officer) are reminded that they are not allowed to bring a weapon onto school property unless they are there in their official capacity.

#### **PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Rising Ground Preschools are committed to providing an orderly, respectful environment that is conducive to learning. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. For purposes of this section of the code, "public" shall mean all persons when on school property or attending a school function including students, teachers, and district personnel.

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school functions contained in this code are not intended to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. Rising Ground Preschools recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of the schools. The purpose of this code is to maintain public order and prevent abuse of the rights of others. All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. In addition, all persons on school property or attending a school function are expected to be properly attired for the purpose they are on school property.

Acts of vandalism are crimes against the school and the community which supports the schools. Students or visitors who willfully destroy, damage, or deface school property shall be subject to disciplinary action, as well as prosecution to the fullest extent possible under the law. Rising Ground Preschools shall be reimbursed for the value of the damaged school property by the students and/or their parent(s). State law now permits parental liability for up to five thousand dollars (\$5000) for willful, malicious, or unlawful damages to real or personal property owned or maintained by Rising Ground Preschools provided said damage is caused by child over 5 years and less than 21 years of age.

#### **A. Prohibited Conduct**

**No person, either alone or with others shall:**

1. Intentionally injure any person or verbally threaten to do so.
2. Intentionally damage or destroy school district property or the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti or arson.
3. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, school programs or other school activities.
4. Distribute or wear materials on school grounds or at school functions that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, or are disruptive to the school program.
5. Intimidate, harass, or discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
6. Enter any portion of the school premises without authorization or remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.
7. Obstruct the free movement of any person in any place to which this code applies.
8. Violate traffic laws, parking regulations or other restrictions on vehicles.
9. Possess, consume, sell, distribute or exchange alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either on school property or at a school function.
10. Possess or use weapons in or on school property or at a school function except in the case of law enforcement officers or except as specifically authorized by the school district.
11. Loiter on or about school property.
12. Gamble on school property or at school functions.
13. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school district officials performing their duties.
14. Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts prohibited by this code.

15. Violate any federal or state statute, local ordinance, or board policy while on school property or while at a school function.

**B. Penalties Persons who violate this code shall be subject to the following penalties:**

1. Visitors. Their authorization, if any, to remain on school grounds or at the school function shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection or charged with trespassing.