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The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parent(s) or legal guardian(s), other adult residents of the community, and interested educators. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, the Board directs the enforcement of rules governing school visits.

The Superintendent/Principal each possess the authority to prohibit the entry of any person into a school of this district or to expel any person from the school when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be inimical to the good order of the school. If such a person refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the Superintendent/Principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Visitors shall be required to register their presence in the school. No staff member shall transact business with or permit the continuing presence in the school of a visitor who has not been duly registered.

No visitor may confer with a pupil in school without the approval of the Superintendent/Principal; any such conference may take place only in the presence of a teaching staff member and/or administrator.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations that will protect pupils and employees of the district from disruption to the educational program and the efficient conduct of their assigned tasks.

Hope Township Board of Education Mission Statement

Hope Township School, in cooperation with our community, values the importance of a supportive, challenging education for all students delivered through an effective contemporary curriculum that meets or exceeds the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. **By fostering communication and respect in a positive educational environment,** all children can realize their potential.



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The Hope Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and harassment free work environment for all employees. In keeping with the district's mission statement, the board expects parent and community conducts will reflect **"fostering communication and respect in a positive educational environment."**

The district values the productive exchange between parents or public and school staff. It is expected that all visitors and persons in contact with school personnel will conduct themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner. This contact includes all verbal and written communications which may be transmitted electronically through an electronic device, including but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone, computer or pager. No school staff should be subjected to any form of disrespect, harassment, intimidation, threats, insulting or demeaning comments, or abusive behavior which is verbal or otherwise.

Should this type of behavior occur, the staff member should immediately contact the Superintendent/Principal or Assistant Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction to report the incident. Any parent or public responsible for this behavior will be escorted from school grounds and may not be permitted to access staff without direct administrative oversight.

Should repeated incidents occur, the parent or public responsible will be notified by letter from the Superintendent/Principal. The district reserves the right to file appropriate legal charges.

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