



Student Walkouts & Protests Administrative Procedures

PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure student safety, maintain appropriate supervision, and minimize disruption to instructional time when students participate in walk-outs, protests, or demonstrations during the school day.

General Expectations

Under state law, school personnel cannot physically restrain students from leaving campus except in very specific situations. Additionally, school staff are not able to leave campus to supervise students during off-campus demonstrations.

On-Campus Activities and Materials

- Protests, demonstrations, or walk-outs may not take place on school grounds if they materially and substantially disrupt classes, school operations, or the rights of other students.
- The school may establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions (e.g., prohibiting disruptions in classrooms, assemblies, hallways, or other areas of the school during instruction).
- Protest-related materials that are materially and substantially disruptive (e.g., posters, signs, etc.) are not permitted on school grounds and may not be displayed, carried, distributed, or stored on campus.
- Protests, demonstrations, or walk-outs, and the materials related to them, are permitted if they are not materially and substantially disruptive.

Campus Supervision and Safety

- Students are required to remain on campus and under staff supervision during the school day.
- Leaving campus during the school day without being properly excused by a parent or legal guardian is not permitted.
- The school will not provide supervision for students who leave campus for protests or demonstrations.
- Student safety cannot be ensured once a student leaves campus without proper checkout procedures.

Checkout Procedures

- Students who wish to leave campus to participate in a walk-out or protest must be checked out in person by an authorized parent or guardian in accordance with the school's standard check-out process.
- Students may not check themselves out or leave campus independently.

Attendance and Consequences

- Students who leave campus without following proper check-out procedures will be marked absent and subject to discipline.
- Missed instructional time resulting from unexcused absences may impact academic progress.

Parent and Guardian Responsibility

Parental involvement plays a critical role in helping students stay safe and make responsible decisions. Once a student is checked out, parents/guardians assume responsibility for supervision. Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak with their students about any planned activities and to ensure that proper checkout procedures are followed.