

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. Generally

Every parent or citizen of the division may visit the schools provided that he/she reports first to the school office. The visitor(s) shall be treated in a courteous manner and shall be afforded prompt and informative replies to legitimate questions.

B. Trespassing

Unauthorized persons entering the public schools for the purpose of disrupting same or who create disturbances on school property shall be subject to punishment as defined in the Code of Virginia. The superintendent shall inform such law enforcement officers and agencies as in his judgment are required to maintain order or remove unauthorized or uncooperative visitors on school property.

Legal Reference:

Code of Va., § 18.2-128. Trespass upon church or school property.--" A. Any person who, without the consent of some person authorized to give such consent, goes or enters upon, in the nighttime, the premises or property of any church or upon any school property for any purpose other than to attend a meeting or service held or conducted in such church or school property, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether or not a church member or student, to enter upon or remain upon any church or school property in violation of (i) any direction to vacate the property by a person authorized to give such direction or (ii) any posted notice which contains such information, posted at a place where it reasonably may be seen. Each time such person enters upon or remains on the posted premises or after such direction that person refuses to vacate such property, it shall constitute a separate offense.

A violation of this subsection shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor, except that any person, other than a parent, who violates this subsection on school property with the intent to abduct a student shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

C. For purposes of this section: (i) "school property" includes a school bus as defined in §46.2-100 and (ii) "church" means any place of worship and includes any educational building or community center owned or leased by a church. (1997)

Code of Va., § 18.2-415. Disorderly conduct in public places.--"A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if, with the intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he:

A. In any street, highway, public building, or while in or on a public conveyance, or public place engages in conduct having a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by

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the person or persons at whom, individually, such conduct is directed; or

B. Willfully or being intoxicated, whether willfully or not, and whether such intoxication results from self-administered alcohol or other drug of whatever nature, disrupts any meeting the governing body of any political subdivision of this Commonwealth or a division or agency thereof, or of any school, literary society or place of religious worship, if the disruption (i) prevents or interferes with the orderly conduct of the disruption is directed; or

C. Willfully or while intoxicated, whether willfully or not, and whether such intoxication results from self-administered alcohol or other drug of whatever nature, disrupts the operation of any school or any activity conducted or sponsored by any school, if the disruption (i) prevents or interferes with the orderly conduct of the operation or activity or (ii) has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person or persons at whom, individually, the disruption is directed.

However, the conduct prohibited under subsection A, B or C shall not be deemed to include the utterance or display of any words or to include conduct otherwise made punishable under this title.

The person in charge of any such building, place, conveyance, meeting, operation or activity may eject therefrom any person who violates any provision of this section with the aid, if necessary, of any persons who may be called upon for such purpose . . ." (1990)

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