

POLICY 9300

MAINTENANCE OF ORDER / TRESPASSERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

POLICY:

The Board of Education "Board" recognizes that various employees of the School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) "School District" may, from time-to-time, require authorization to maintain order and that, on occasion, access to School District facilities needs to be restricted.

This authority is found in <u>Section 177 of the School Act</u>, allowing the principal or other school administrator to direct a person to leave school property, and preventing the person from returning without prior approval of the principal or administrator. It also enables the principal or administrator to call for assistance from law enforcement if necessary. If a person contravenes this section of the <u>School Act</u>, they commit an offence. The purpose of providing this authority to principals and other administrators is to maintain order on school premises and to ensure the protection of students and staff.

The full text of the relevant legislation is provided below:

Maintenance of order

- 177 (1) A person must not disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school or an official school function.
 - (2) A person who is directed to leave the land or premises of a school by a principal, vice
 - principal, director of instruction or a person authorized by the board to make that direction (a) must immediately leave the land and premises, and

(b) must not enter on the land and premises again except with prior approval from the principal, vice principal, director of instruction or a person who is authorized by the board to give that approval.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

(4) A principal, vice principal, or director of instruction of a school or a person authorized by the board may, in order to restore order on school premises, require adequate assistance from a peace officer.

Section 1 of the *School Act* defines "school" as follows:

"school" means

(a) a body of students that is organized as a unit for educational purposes under the supervision of a principal, vice principal or director of instruction,

(b) the teachers and other staff members associated with the unit, and

(c) the facilities associated with the unit, and includes a Provincial resource program and an online learning school operated by a board.

REFERENCES: Section 177 of the School Act

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