

CHAPTER 3.00 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

3.21 - Chaperons for School/Social Functions

POLICY:

- (1) All school social functions shall be chaperoned by a member or members of the instructional staff or approved sponsor and must be approved by the principal prior to scheduling.
- (2) Social functions must be held within the school community unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- (3) Dances sponsored by the school or held on school property are permitted subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) They must be attended by the principal of the school or his/her designated representative.
 - (b) Dances must be well chaperoned. At least one parent or teacher for every twenty-five (25) students expected to participate must volunteer to serve as chaperon. If parents in this ratio cannot be recruited, no function shall be permitted.
 - (c) Participation shall be restricted to students of the school sponsoring or holding the dance except with the approval of the principal.
- (4) Faculty members are encouraged to attend social functions, but their attendance is not to supplant the requirements for parental involvement as chaperons at dances.
- (5) All social functions and recreational activities such as picnics, parties, excursions, and similar activities under the sponsorship of the school shall be chaperoned by one (1) adult for every twenty-five (25) students and an additional chaperon for any group of fifteen (15) or more. For exceptional students, the principal shall assign the number of chaperons appropriate to the exceptionality. At any such activity attended by students of the opposite sex, a male and female chaperon shall be in attendance. At least one (1) chaperon shall be a member of the instructional staff or approved sponsor. At any function involving swimming, a currently certified life guard shall be present. On all other water activities, there shall be a chaperon present with CPR certification and have available approved water safety equipment. On overnight trips, the number of chaperons appropriate for the trip will be determined by the principal, but shall in no way be less than that described above.
- (6) All chaperones assigned to supervisory duties on a field trip shall not be accompanied by non-students; nor have responsibilities of supervision of any non-students.

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