VISITORS TO SCHOOL PROPERTY

Section 1. School Property

Section 1.1 Parents/Guardians and visitors are welcome at Hawthorn and to attend school events; however, all visitors during business hours, including Board members, must sign or check in at the building office prior to proceeding elsewhere in the building. Hawthorn discourages parents/guardians or others from using Hawthorn property or events as places for visiting students and may refuse the use of school property for that purpose.

Section 1.2 Hawthorn will not tolerate any person whose presence disturbs classes or school activities. Visitors to Hawthorn may not possess weapons, including concealed weapons, on Hawthorn property, on school transportation or at any school function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by Hawthorn unless the visitor is an authorized law enforcement official or is otherwise authorized by Board policy.

Section 2. Appropriate Behavior

Section 2.1 Hawthorn believes that school events are a vital part of the total educational program, and should be used as a means for developing positive social interaction, good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior, in addition to knowledge and skills. Well-organized and well-conducted programs contribute to the morale of the student body, and strengthen school-community relations.

Section 2.2 To this end, Hawthorn encourages visitors to exhibit good sportsmanship, citizenship, ethics and integrity at all school events and at all times while on Hawthorn grounds. Hawthorn will work with parents/guardians and other appropriate organizations to promote good behavior by the patrons at athletic and other events.

Section 3. Registered Sex Offenders and Persons Prohibited on or Near Hawthorn Property

Section 3.1 Sex offenders required to be listed on the Missouri Highway Patrol's sex offender registry, or who have pled guilty, pled *nolo contendere* or been convicted of crimes for which the law currently requires offenders to be listed, regardless of when those crimes were committed, are not allowed on Hawthorn property or transportation or at Hawthorn activities, regardless of whether those activities are held on or off Hawthorn property, unless access is required by law.

Section 3.2 In accordance with law, Hawthorn also prohibits all persons who have pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to or have been convicted of or found guilty of violating the following provisions from being on or within 500 feet of any school building, Hawthorn property, Hawthorn activity or any vehicle used to transport students:

1. Any of the provisions in Chapter 566 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

2. Incest, § 568.020, RSMo.

3. Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, § 568.045, RSMo.

4. Use of a child in a sexual performance, § 568.080, RSMo.

5. Promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 568.090, RSMo.

6. Sexual exploitation of a minor, § 573.023, RSMo.

7. Promoting child pornography in the first degree, § 573.025, RSMo.

8. Furnishing pornographic material to minors, § 573.040, RSMo.

9. Any offense committed in another state, a foreign country, or under tribal, federal or military jurisdiction that, if committed in this state, would be a violation listed above.

Section 3.3 Despite the prohibitions in this section, the Executive Director may grant permission for a parent, guardian or custodian of a student to be on school property for the limited purpose of attending meetings with Hawthorn staff or in other situations where the student may benefit. Permission will be granted sparingly, if ever, and only in situations where the parent, guardian or custodian will be supervised at all times or will not be alone with a child. The Executive Director will inform the Principal and other relevant school staff of the scope of the permission granted.

Section 3.4 This section may not apply to a student entitled by law to be on Hawthorn property for educational services if the student's presence is necessary to obtain those services and the student is not otherwise prohibited by law from being on Hawthorn property.

Section 4. Disruptive Conduct

Section 4.1 If a visitor's conduct becomes disruptive, threatening or violent, the Executive Director, Principal or a designee of either may require the visitor to leave. The Executive Director or designee may inform the visitor that he or she is not welcome back on Hawthorn property or at Hawthorn events indefinitely or for a specific period of time. During any period of prohibition, the visitor will not be allowed on Hawthorn property.

Section 4.2 The Executive Director may make exceptions for parents, guardians or custodians of students enrolled in Hawthorn if the person's presence is necessary to transport the student or may benefit the student educationally, or in situations where the parent, guardian, or custodian will be supervised at all times. The Executive Director may make an exception for visitors to attend a meeting of the Board or its committees but is not obligated to do so. This paragraph does not apply if the person is otherwise prohibited or banned from Hawthorn property by other sections of this policy.

Section 5. Enforcement

Section 5.1 If a visitor banned from Hawthorn property or events under this policy is on Hawthorn property, Hawthorn staff will contact law enforcement and/or escort the person from the school grounds and inform the person of the school's policy prohibiting his or her presence.