



School Visitor Policy For

Pattison High School 981 Nelson Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 3B6

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**PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL** We don't teach a class, we teach individual students in a class

# **School Visitor Policy**

## **Rationale:**

Pattison High School welcomes visitors to our campus when they have a purpose that aligns with our school goals and mission. We recognize the need to balance an open and welcoming atmosphere with the need to assure stability and continuity, to safeguard against disruption of the educational process, and to ensure the security of the school. The principal has the authority to make decisions about all visitors to schools and classes, using the following guidelines.

### Procedure

Because of the need for security at our school, we do not permit visitors to enter school or walk around unaccompanied. All visitors are encouraged to have an appointment, or otherwise be expected by a staff or faculty member and must sign in with at school reception. For visitors unknown to staff, picture ID should be provided and recorded.

#### Students

Pattison High School students are prohibited from inviting visitors for all day visits for the purpose:

- 1. To ensure the safety of Pattison High School's students and school community.
- 2. Visitors are often a distraction to the educational process.
- 3. Students may not invite guests to school events without prior authorization by the Principal. For certain events such as graduation, guests and visitors may be permitted by prior arrangement, through a registration process. Picture ID must be provided.

#### **Former Students**

While PHS understands that periodically throughout the school year graduates of Pattison High School will want to return to see former teachers and mentors, the following practices should be followed to ensure the continuity of learning and an educational environment free from distraction.

- 1. Former students visiting individual teachers or other staff members should contact them prior to their visit. There must be a reason for the visit, and arrangements must be made in advance with the teacher, by email or Teams' message. The staff or faculty member must supervise the visitor and escort them to the exit after the meeting.
- 2. Former students may only visit school after the school day has ended.
- 3. Former students may not attend student events either on or off campus without prior authorization by the Principal.
- 4. Visiting former students shall maintain the decorum as prescribed by the student handbook and be respectful of current students and staff.