

# **PATAULA CHARTER ACADEMY**

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## **SCHOOL VISITATION POLICY**

The Board of Pataula Charter Academy (“PCA”) adopts the following policy effective on the date of adoption by the Board.

PCA students, teachers and school administration have the right to expect that the school environment will be safe and free from unnecessary distractions from learning. While parents/guardians are encouraged to visit PCA, when possible, visits should be scheduled in advance. Visitors should check in with front office personnel upon entering the school and obtain a visitors badge. The purpose of visiting the school may include observing classroom instruction, extracurricular activities, student assemblies, and lunchroom operations. Scheduled visits shall not interfere with the instructional or non-instructional operations or the safe environment of the school.

Any problems or concerns of visitors shall be discussed initially only with the Principal. Visitors shall be encouraged to refrain from reporting evaluations of personnel or operating procedures except to the Principal.

O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1181 prohibits conduct which disrupts a school. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1182 prohibits parents from upbraiding, insulting or abusing public school employees in the presence of pupils. Disruptive individuals may be immediately removed from the school grounds and restrictions may be placed on their presence on school grounds or at school related functions in the future. The School reserves the right to refer the situation to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Visitors who fail to adhere to this policy, whose visit interferes with the educational process or whose actions compromise the safety of students and school administration may have their visitation privileges restricted and/or may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

This policy applies to all school-related activities, on and off-campus.