

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>MAINTENANCE OF ORDER</b>	No.: C-432
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The Board of Education believes that in order to maintain safe, caring and orderly schools a person must not disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school or official school function. A person doing so is committing an offence and may be excluded from the school premises.

Section 177 of the *School Act* is intended to prevent the disruption of schools and school functions and to ensure the protection of students and staff. This section allows the principal, vice-principal, director of instruction or a person who is authorized by the board to direct a person to leave the land or premises of any district facility, including school buses, and to call for assistance from law enforcement if necessary. Any person contravening section 177(1) and (2) of the *School Act* is committing an offence. The purpose of providing this authority to principals and other authorized staff is to maintain order on school premises and to ensure the protection of students and staff.

***Policy References:***

*Policy: C-350 Appeals*

*By-law 1-08 Parent Student Appeals*

***Legislation:***

*School Act Section 177*

*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*