

# **Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy Loitering Policy**

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Pataula Charter Academy (PCA) and Spring Creek Charter Academy enforce the provisions of state law as related to loitering on the school's main campus as well as any other property that counts as an extension of the campus such as bus stops and other places where school sponsored events are being hosted.

## **Definitions:**

The School – For the purposes of this policy “The School” shall include the main campus and any property that is considered an extension of the grounds of the school including bus stops and other places where school sponsored or school related activities or events are being hosted.

## **Policy Statement:**

PCA/SCCA will take every step appropriate to ensure the safety of its students, teachers, staff, and school administration. As such, PCA/SCCA shall enforce the following regarding loitering:

Any person other than a PCA/SCCA student or employee must present themselves at the main office, provide the reason for his or her presence at the school, and follow the appropriate check in procedure for authorized visitors. In accordance with state law O.C.G.A. 20-2-1180 no individual may remain on the school premises when that person does not have legitimate need to be at the school. If any visitor fails to follow the appropriate check in requirements he or she will be considered an unauthorized visitor. Any school personnel shall have the authority to order any unauthorized visitor to follow the correct check in procedure or to leave the premises. If any unauthorized visitor fails to willingly follow the correct check in procedure or leave the premises the school personnel should notify the appropriate law enforcement agency, and such visitors may have their visitation privileges restricted and/or may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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