Visitation Guidelines

- 1. Visits during school hours should first be arranged with the teacher and Executive Director or designee, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Parents seeking to visit a classroom during school hours must first obtain the approval of the classroom teacher and the Executive Director or designee.
- 2. All visitors shall report their presence on campus by volunteer log and acquire a volunteer badge from the main office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, address, age (if under 21), his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and proof of identity. Visitors shall make this volunteer badge visible at all times.
- If the visitor is a government officer/official (including but not limited to local 3. law enforcement officers, immigration enforcement officers, social workers, district attorneys, or U.S. attorneys) the officer/official will also be asked to produce any documentation that authorizes school access. OCS shall make reasonable efforts to notify parents or guardians prior to permitting a student to be interviewed or searched, consistent with the law and/or any court order, warrant or instructions from the officer/official. A copy of the documentation provided by the officer and notes from the encounter may be maintained by OCS, consistent with the law. The OCS Governing Board and Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice, at BCJ@doj.ca.gov, will be timely informed regarding any attempt by a lawenforcement officer to access a school site or a student for immigrationenforcement purposes, as recommended by the Attorney General. To help identify the officer, OCS may ask the officer to wear a volunteer badge while on the school site.
- 4. Except for unusual circumstances, approved by the Executive Director, school visits should not exceed approximately sixty (60) minutes in length and may not occur more than twice per semester.
- 5. While on campus, visitors are to enter and leave classrooms as quietly as possible, not converse with any student, teacher, or other instructional assistant unless permitted, and not interfere with any school activity. No electronic listening or recording device may be used in a classroom without the teacher's and Executive Director's written permission.
- 6. Before leaving campus, the visitor shall return the volunteer badge upon conclusion of their visit and sign out of the volunteer log in the main office.
- 7. The Executive Director, or designee, may refuse to register a visitor or volunteer if it is believed that the presence of the visitor or volunteer would cause a threat of disruption or physical injury to teachers, other employees, or students.
- 8. The Executive Director or designee may withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reason to believe that the person has willfully disrupted or is likely to disrupt the

- school's orderly operation. If consent is withdrawn by someone other than the Executive Director, the Executive Director may reinstate consent for the visitor if the Executive Director believes that the person's presence will not constitute a disruption or substantial and material threat to the school's orderly operation. Consent can be withdrawn for up to fourteen (14) days.
- 9. The Executive Director or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or withdrawn, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the Executive Director or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 10. Any visitor that is denied registration or has his/her registration revoked may request a conference with the Executive Director. The request shall be in writing, shall state why the denial or revocation was improper, shall give the address to which notice of conference is to be sent, and shall be delivered to the Executive Director within fourteen (14) days of the denial or revocation of consent. The Executive Director shall promptly mail a written notice of the date, time, and place of the conference to the person who requested the conference. A conference with the Executive Director shall be held within seven (7) days after the Executive Director receives the request. If no resolution can be agreed upon, the Executive Director shall forward notice of the complaint to the Board of Directors and follow the dispute resolution policy.
- 11. At each entrance to the campus, signs shall be posted specifying the hours during which registration is required, stating where the office of the Executive Director or designee is located, and what route to take to that office, and setting forth the penalties for violation of this policy.
- 12. The Executive Director or designee shall seek the assistance of the police in managing or reporting any visitor in violation of this policy.

Penalties

- 1. Pursuant to the California Penal Code, if a visitor does not leave after being asked or if the visitor returns without following the posted requirements after being directed to leave, he/she will be guilty of a crime as specified which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) or imprisonment in the County jail for a period of up to six (6) months or both.
- 2. Under California Education Code section 44811, disruption by a parent, guardian or other person at a school or school sponsored activity is punishable, upon the first conviction by a fine or no less than \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) and no more than \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) or by imprisonment in a County jail for no more than one (1) year, or both the fine and imprisonment.
- 3. Disruptive conduct may lead to Ocean Charter School's pursuit of a restraining order against a visitor, which would prohibit him/her from coming onto school

grounds or attending school activities for any purpose for a period of up to three (3) years.

Responding to Requests for Access to School Grounds for Immigration-Enforcement Purposes

No outsider—which would include immigration-enforcement officers—shall enter or remain on school grounds of the Ocean Charter School during school hours without having registered with the principal or designee. If there are no exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action, and if the immigration officer does not possess a judicial warrant or court order that provides a basis for the visit, the officer must provide the following information to the principal or designee:

- ✓ Name, address, occupation;
- \checkmark Age, if less than 21;
- ✓ Purpose in entering school grounds;
- ✓ Proof of identity; and
- ✓ Any other information as required by law.

The Ocean Charter School shall adopt measures for responding to outsiders that avoids classroom interruptions, and preserves the peaceful conduct of the school's activities, consistent with local circumstances and practices.

The Ocean Charter School personnel shall report entry by immigration-enforcement officers to any on-site school police or other appropriate administrator as would be required for any unexpected or unscheduled outside visitor coming on campus.

As early as possible, Ocean Charter School personnel shall notify the Executive Director of any request by an immigration-enforcement officer for school or student access, or any requests for review of school documents (including for the services of lawful subpoenas, petitions, complaints, warrants, etc.).

In addition to notifying the Executive Director, Ocean Charter School personnel shall take the following action steps in response to an officer present on the school campus specifically for immigration-enforcement purposes:

- 1. Advise the officer that before proceeding with his or her request, and absent exigent circumstances, school personnel must first receive notification and direction from the Executive Director.
- 2. Ask to see, and make a copy of or note, the officer's credentials (name and badge number). Also ask for and copy or note the phone number of the officer's supervisor.
- 3. Ask the officer for his/her reason for being on school grounds and document it.
- 4. Ask the officer to produce any documentation that authorizes school access.
- 5. Make a copy of all documents provided by the officer. Retain one copy of the documents for school records.
- 6. If the officer declares that exigent circumstances exist and demands immediate access to the campus, Ocean Charter School personnel should comply with the officer's orders and immediately contact the Executive Director.

- 7. If the officer does not declare that exigent circumstances exist, respond according to the requirements of the officer's documentation. If the immigration-enforcement officer has:
 - an ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) administrative warrant, Ocean Charter School personnel shall inform the agent that they cannot consent to any request without first consulting with the school's counsel or other designated agency official.
 - a federal judicial warrant, if feasible, Ocean Charter School will consult with the legal counsel or designated administrator before providing the agent access to the person or materials specified in the warrant.
 - a subpoena for production of documents or other evidence, the Ocean Charter School personnel shall inform the legal counsel or other designated official of the subpoena, and await further instructions on how to proceed.
- 8. While Ocean Charter School personnel should not consent to access by an immigration-enforcement officer, except as described above, he/she should not attempt to physically impede the officer, even if the officer appears to be exceeding the authorization given under a warrant or other document. If an officer enters the premises without consent, Ocean Charter School personnel shall document his or her actions while on campus.
- 9. After the encounter with the officer, Ocean Charter School personnel shall promptly take written notes of all interactions with the officer. The notes shall include the following items:
 - ✓ List or copy of the officer's credentials and contact information;
 - ✓ Identity of all school personnel who communicated with the officer;
 - ✓ Details of the officer's request;
 - ✓ Whether the officer presented a warrant or subpoena to accompany his/her request, what was requested in the warrant/subpoena, and whether the warrant/subpoena was signed by a judge;
 - ✓ [Local educational agency] personnel's response to the officer's request;
 - \checkmark Any further action taken by the agent; and
 - ✓ Photo or copy of any documents presented by the agent.
- 10. Ocean Charter School personnel shall provide a copy of those notes, and associated documents collected from the officer, to the school's legal counsel or other designated agency official.
- 11. In turn, the Ocean Charter School's legal counsel or other designated official shall submit a timely report to the Ocean Charter School's governing board regarding the officer's requests and actions and the school's response(s).
- 12. E-mail the Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice, at BCJ@doj.ca.gov, regarding any attempt by a law-enforcement officer to access a school site or a student for immigration-enforcement purposes.

Ocean Charter School personnel must receive consent from the student's parent or guardian before a student can be interviewed or searched by any officer seeking to enforce the civil immigration laws at the school, unless the officer presents a valid, effective warrant signed by a judge, or presents a valid, effective court order.

Ocean Charter School personnel shall immediately notify the student's parents or guardians if a law-enforcement officer requests or gains access to a student for immigration-enforcement purposes, unless such access was in compliance with a judicial warrant or subpoena that restricts the disclosure of the information to the parent or guardian.