1.0 Purpose

1.1 The Nord Country School Governing Board recognizes that on campus safety is of primary importance. In order to ensure on campus safety it is imperative that the faculty and staff be aware of any visitors on campus. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that procedures are in place that will facilitate this awareness.

2.0 Posting of Notice

2.1 The Administrator or designee shall post at every entrance a notice setting forth school hours, visitor registration location, and any other announcements required by the local law enforcement agency in order to pursue the arrest of persons found loitering or trespassing.

3.0 Procedures for Visitors to Charter School Premises

3.1 Any person who is not a student of the Charter School or a Charter School officer or employee shall report his or her presence and the reason for visiting the Charter School to the Administrator or designee immediately upon entering the Charter School premises.

3.2 The Administrator or designee shall provide identification to be used by all visitors at all times while on Charter School premises. The visitor shall make this identification visible at all times.

3.3 All visitors, including immigration enforcement officers (unless exigent circumstances necessitate immediate action and if the immigration officer does not possess a judicial warrant or court order that provides a basis for the visit), may be required while registering with the Administrator or designee to provide the Administrator or designee with his or her name, address, occupation, age, if less than twenty-one years-old, his or her purpose for entering the Charter school premises, and present proof of identity.

3.4 No person who furnishes the information set forth in this policy and who provides proof of identity shall be denied registration except if the Administrator or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor’s presence will or is likely to disrupt the Charter School, its students, its teachers, or its other employees or volunteers or result in damage to property or will result in the distribution or use of unlawful or controlled substances.

3.5 The Administrator or designee may revoke a visitor’s registration if the Administrator or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor’s presence on Charter school premises would likely interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of Charter School activities or is
disrupting the Charter School, its students, its teachers, or its other employees or volunteers.

3.6 Charter School employees and volunteers should at all times watch for strangers on the Charter school premises. Employees or volunteers who encounter a visitor not displaying the appropriate identification should ask the visitor whether he or she has registered with the Administrator or designee. Employees and volunteers should immediately inform the Administrator or designee of any visitor who refuses to comply with registration requirements.

3.7 Any possession of unauthorized dangerous instruments, weapons, or devices on school grounds shall be reported immediately to the Administrator or designee and may be reported to the local law enforcement agency.

3.8 Any person who fails to register within a reasonable time after entering the Charter School premises, who fails to leave upon the request of the Administrator or designee, or who returns after leaving pursuant to such a request has committed an unlawful act and may be prosecuted according to law.

4.0 Adoption and Review

4.1 Originally Adopted: 6/7/2005

4.2 Most Recent Review: 4/26/2023