

Administrative Procedure 407

The Board of Education is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of order on school property, and at school district events. The safety of students, staff and the school community is paramount, and to that end, authorized individuals must act in accordance with the procedures set out below pursuant to section 177 of the School Act to prevent and address any disturbance, disruption or interruption of a school function.

Section 177 of the School Act addresses the preservation of order on school property, including ordering a person to leave and calling in police help if necessary. The School Act is intended to prevent the disruption of schools and school functions, and the protection of students and staff. It provides authority to principals and other or designated individuals to ensure the orderly operation of schools and school functions and ensure the protection of students, staff and property. This section creates an offence for a person to “disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school function”; and (2) it creates an offence for failing to follow a direction of a principal, administrator or person authorized by the Board to direct a person to leave the premises. It also enables the principal or administrator to call for assistance from law enforcement if necessary. The full text of section 177 of the School Act is provided below.

Maintenance of order

- 177 (1) A person must not disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school function.
- (2) A person who is directed to leave the land or premises of a school by a principal, vice principal, director of instruction or a person authorized by the board to make that direction
- (a) must immediately leave the land and premises, and
 - (b) must not enter on the land and premises again except with the approval from the principal, vice principal, director of instruction or a person who is authorized by the board to give that approval.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

