

RECEIPT AND USE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION

The School Board recognizes the danger that sex offenders in the community can pose to student safety. Therefore, it is the policy of this Board to obtain immediate notification of registered sex offenders residing or relocating in the same or contiguous zip codes as any school within the District, and to use such information as defined below to maximize student protection.

The Board directs the Superintendent to work with the state and local police to obtain this information automatically and electronically on an on-going basis, to develop regulations for dissemination of this information, and to establish procedures in compliance with this policy.

The Board expects that such procedures will define steps for the identification and remedy of potential student contact with registered sex offenders, including but not limited to the following types of situations: the sighting of a sex offender, volunteer and student teacher background checks, use of outside contractors, employees, applications for employment, and parents or students who are sex offenders.

Requests for Registry Information

The Board recognizes that under RSA 651-B:7, it is the responsibility of local law enforcement to notify the community of potential public danger. Therefore, the school district will not disseminate sex offender registry information to parents.

Anyone requesting registry information from the school district will be referred to local law enforcement authorities or to the State of New Hampshire's Registered Sex Offender Registry website: <http://www.egov.nh.gov/nsor>.

Use of Sex Offender Registry Information

Registry information will be used for the administration of law-enforcement, screening current or prospective school district employees or volunteers, and for the protection of the district's students and employees. Registry information will not be used to intimidate or harass others.

As soon as possible after notification that a Registered Sex Offender has moved into the district, the Superintendent will notify the offender in writing, stating that he/she may no longer enter the school grounds or building without the written consent of the Superintendent except to attend meetings which are required to be open public meetings under the New Hampshire Right-To-Know-Law.

Sex offender registry information may be provided to those employees who are most likely to observe unauthorized persons on or near school property. When registry information is disseminated by the Superintendent to staff, it will include a notice that such information should not be shared with others and may only be used for the purposes discussed below. Employees who share registry information with others without authorization may be disciplined. If a school employee has reason to believe that an offender who has been the subject of a notification is a danger to someone outside the school environment, the employee will immediately contact the local law enforcement agency.

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Precautions to Protect Students

At the discretion of the superintendent, alternative arrangements may be made for bus and walking routes to and from school, recess and physical education periods, or any other activity in order to protect district students.

Education

The Superintendent will ensure that the K-8 health curriculum addresses student awareness and protection from abuse, abduction or exploitation.

The Board encourages the Superintendent to work closely with local law enforcement officials to increase awareness among the entire community about the danger of sexual predators to children.

Annual Notification to Parents

At the beginning of each school year, the school district will notify parents and employees of the Board's policy and district procedures on the dissemination and use of sex offender registry information.

Statutory Reference:

RSA 651-B:7, *Registration of Criminal Offenders*

RSA 169-C, *Child Protection Act*

RSA 169-C:29, *Persons Required to Report*

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