

POLICY KDG

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Recognizing that the safety and welfare of students is of paramount importance, the Vigo County School Board of School Trustees hereby declares that, except in limited circumstances as defined below, the Vigo County School Corporation (“VCSC”) will not permit registered sex offenders to be on school VCSC property.

SCHOOLS OFF LIMITS

The Board of School Trustees declares that no registered sex offender may come on the property of the Vigo County School Corporation school except as otherwise provided in this policy **and as required by State and Federal law**. If an **administrator** becomes aware that a sex offender is on school property, the **administrator**/designee shall direct the sex offender to leave the area immediately, **except under limited circumstances as directed below**. A registered sex offender may not attend school functions that are held on school **property**. The Board of School Trustees authorizes a VCSC administrator to request the assistance of the appropriate law enforcement authorities to secure the removal of any registered sex offender from the **school property**. **Violations of this policy may subject a person to prosecution of the crime of criminal trespass.**

A student who is on the sex offender registry may be assigned alternative education, as deemed appropriate by school officials **and consistent with State and Federal laws**.

This policy shall apply only when principals/designees are aware that the person in question is on the Sex Offender Registry.

The provisions of this policy prohibiting a registered sex offender from coming on school property shall not apply in the event that a sex offender’s name **has been** expunged from the Registry.

Limited Circumstances:

Limited circumstances may occur when a **registered sex offender has either a right or a legitimate educational need to come upon school property**. In such a case, prior to entering school property, the registered sex offender must contact the Director of Student Services to establish a written Individual Access and Child Protection Plan (“IACPP”). An IACPP will be established by discussion with the Director of Student Services or his/her designee and the administrator of the school property in question. The plan and approval will be in writing with signatures of the involved parties. Only after there is an approved written IACPP may the registered sex offender enter school property and may only do so within the restrictions of the IACPP. In the case of an emergency situation involving the welfare of a child, a person who is on the sex offender registry may be invited to school for that

particular purpose under monitoring established for that event by the administrator of the school site and with contact with the Student Services Director or designee.

Note: To validate that an individual is listed on the sex offender registry, the school official should check the national registry at: www.nsopr.gov

Definitions:

Registered Sex Offender: as used in this policy, a registered sex offender is one whose name appears on the State or National Database for sex offenders.

School Property: all property owned or rented by the Vigo County School Corporation where instruction takes place or student performances *or activities* are held. Meetings held under the “open door” law are exempted from this policy. However, the offender must inform the administrator of his/her presence upon entry so as to allow for additional supervision. *Extra-curricular events are considered being held on school property when the VCSC or any school of the VCSC has a rental agreement with the owner of such property.*

School Functions: include all performances and events where students are present. Applies when such function is held on property owned by VCSC or property rented by VCSC.

Administrator: a V.C.S.C. employee assigned to an administrative function for the School Corporation.

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