REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

It is the goal of the Cleveland County Board of Education to provide a safe environment for all students and staff of the district. Accordingly, any registered sex offender is barred from school buildings, school facilities, school campuses, or any other school property owned, leased, or maintained by the district, or from attending a school-sponsored event except as provided in this policy.

A. NOTIFICATION TO PRINCIPALS
   All principals must sign-up with the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry to receive email notifications when a registered sex offender moves within a one-mile radius of their school. Principals shall notify the Superintendent or designee any time he or she receives such a notification. Also, principals shall notify the Superintendent or designee any time they become aware that a parent or guardian of a student or a student at the principal's school is a registered sex offender.

B. PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS
   A registered sex offender who is the parent or guardian of a student in the district may only be present in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, in or on any other school property owned, leased, or maintained by the district, or in attendance at a school-sponsored event with the prior written permission from the Superintendent or designee. A copy of such written permission also shall be provided to the school principal.

   1. If permission is granted by the Superintendent, the parent or guardian may be on school property only for one of the following purposes:
      a. To attend a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the academic or social progress of the parent/guardian's child; or
      b. When the parent/guardian's presence has been requested by the principal or his/her designee for any other reason relating to the welfare or transportation of the parent/guardian's child.

   2. In addition, if permission is granted, the following conditions must be met:
      a. The parent/guardian must notify the principal of the nature of the visit and the hours when the visit will occur before he/she enters school system property;
      b. The parent/guardian must notify the principal's office upon arrival to and departure from the school system property;
      c. The parent/guardian must remain under the direct supervision of school personnel at all times while on school system property; and
      d. If no school personnel are reasonably available to supervise the parent/guardian on a particular occasion, then the parent/guardian will not be permitted on school property at that time even for one of the permitted purposes.
C. STUDENTS
Except as may be limited by state and federal laws governing the education of children with disabilities, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent/designee and principal, may expel any student who is a registered sex offender based on clear and convincing evidence that the student's continued presence in school constitutes a clear threat to the safety of other students or employees. If the Board chooses not to expel a student who is a registered sex offender and the student receives educational services on school property, then the student must be under the supervision of school personnel at all times.

D. VOTERS
Voters who are subject to the Jessica Lunsford Act (G.S. 14-208.18) and are eligible to vote may be present on school property as follows:
1. The voter may be present for the sole purpose of voting if the school property is being used as a voting place;
2. The voter must notify the principal of the school that he or she is registered on the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry before coming onto school system property to vote;
3. The voter must remain at all times in the portion of the school being used as the polling place; and
4. The voter must leave school grounds immediately after voting.

E. CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL
If the district contracts with an outside person or entity to perform a job on a school campus or at a school-sponsored program, the contract must require the provider to conduct annual checks of contract personnel on the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry, the State Sexually Violent Predator Registry, and the National Sex Offender Registry. The contract with the outside person or entity shall provide that no individual who is on the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry, the State Sexually Violent Predator Registry, or the National Sex Offender Registry may be used to deliver goods or services on school system property under the contract.

In addition, for contractual personnel who are carrying out duties that are customarily performed by school personnel, such as custodians, bus drivers or substitute teachers, the system will perform criminal history checks of individuals in these positions in accordance with Board policy pursuant to G.S. 115C-332.

Legal References: G.S. 14-208.18; 25A; 115C-332; -332.1

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