

## 5022 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

The board is committed to the safety of students and other persons on school property. In order to maintain a safe school environment, the superintendent and all school personnel shall enforce the provisions of this policy at all times.

### A. Registered Sex Offenders Banned From All School Property

In accordance with [G.S. 14-208.18](#), all persons who (1) are required to register under the Sex Offender and Public Protection Program AND (2) have been convicted of (a) any offense in Article 7AB of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, (b) any federal offense or offense committed in another state, which if committed in this state, is substantially similar to an offense in Article 7AB, or (c) any offense in which the victim was under the age of ~~16~~ 18 years at the time of the offense, are expressly forbidden to knowingly be present on any property owned or operated by the school system, including school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, parking lots, school buses, activity buses or other property of any kind for any reason, including attendance at sporting events or other school-related functions, whether before, during or after school hours. In addition, sex offenders subject to [G.S. 14-208.18](#) may not attend or be present at any student function or field trip on or off school property that is (1) school-sponsored or (2) otherwise under the official supervision or control of school personnel. This policy applies to all covered sex offenders regardless of their relationship to or affiliation with a student in the school system. (Refer to the North Carolina Attorney General's publication *The North Carolina Sex Offender & Public Protection Registration Program*, p. 13, for a description of which offenders are subject to G.S. 14-208.18 and thus, this policy.)

### B. Enforcement

All school personnel must immediately report to a school administrator the presence or suspected presence of a known or suspected registered sex offender on school property. School administrators and other supervisory personnel shall report to the superintendent and law enforcement when they reasonably believe that a registered sex offender is or has been on school property or at a school event.

School administrators also shall notify the superintendent or designee of any known student or parent or guardian of a student at their school who is suspected to be a registered sex offender.

### C. Exceptions

A person who is banned from school property under [G.S. 14-208.18](#) may be on school property only under the following circumstances.

#### 1. Students

Students who are subject to [G.S. 14-208.18](#) may be on school property only in accordance with policy [4262](#), Student Sex Offenders.

## 2. Voters

Voters who are subject to [G.S. 14-208.18](#) and are eligible to vote may be present on school property for the sole purpose of voting if the school property is being used as a voting place. The voter must notify the principal of the school that he or she is registered under the Registry Program and the voter must remain at all times in the portion of the school being used as the polling place. The voter must leave school grounds immediately after voting.

## 3. Parents or Guardians

- a. An individual who is subject to this policy and is the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in school may be on school property only with prior written permission from the principal, and only for the following reasons:
  - 1) to attend a scheduled conference with school personnel to discuss the child's academic or social progress; or
  - 2) at the request of the principal or designee, for any reason relating to the welfare or transportation of his or her child.
- b. Prior to any visit, the parent must notify the principal of the school of his or her registration on the Sex Offender Registry and his or her desire to visit the school. The principal will notify the Superintendent or designee, who will issue a written letter granting or denying permission and imposing any limitations. A copy of this letter will be delivered to the principal.
- c. If permission to visit the school is granted, the individual must notify the principal in advance of the specific time and reason for each proposed visit.
- d. For each visit authorized by subsection (a) above, the parent or guardian must check in at the principal's office upon arrival and departure and remain under the direct supervision of school personnel at all times. If school personnel are not available to supervise the parent or guardian during any visit, then the parent or guardian will not be permitted to enter or remain on school property.
- e. For each visit authorized by subsection (a) above, the parent or guardian must comply with all reasonable rules and restrictions placed upon him or her by the principal, including restrictions on the date, time, location and length of meeting.

## D. Contractual Personnel

In order to ensure compliance with this policy, each contract executed by the board that may involve the presence of outside personnel on school property must include a provision that requires the other party to the contract to conduct an annual check of the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Program and the State Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program

on all employees who may be sent to perform tasks on or deliver products to school property or have contact with students. Persons who are subject to Section A of this policy may not be sent onto school property for any reason.

In addition, each time the board enters into any contract or agreement for contracted services that involve direct interaction with children, the contract must include a provision that requires the other party to the contract to conduct an annual check of the National Sex Offender Registry on all contracted employees who may have direct contact with children.

No contractor or employee of a contractor registered with the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Program, the State Sexually Violent Predator Program or the National Sex Offender Registry may have direct interaction with children. This provision applies to contracts with a single individual.

LEGAL REFERENCES: G.S. ch. 14, art. 7B; G.S. 14-208.18, -208.19; -25A; 115C-332, -332.1

CROSS REF: School Safety (policy 6310), Student Sex Offenders (policy 4262), Visitors to Schools (policy 2100), Recruitment and Selection (policy 5020)

OTHER REF: *The North Carolina Sex Offender & Public Protection Registration Programs, North Carolina Department of Justice (September 2014), available at <http://ncdoj.gov/Protect-Yourself/Find-Sex-Offenders/SexOffenderRegPrograms.aspx>*

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