



Board of Director's Policy Operational Services 800 Series

Policy # 800.21

Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications

Persons Prohibited on School Property without Prior Permission

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Dean of Faculty and Students of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. The offender received permission to be present from the Board, Executive Director, or Executive Director's designee. If permission is granted, the Executive Director or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Dean of Faculty and Students.

In all cases, the Executive Director or designee shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity. If a student is a sex offender, the Executive Director or designee shall develop guidelines for managing his or her presence in school.

Criminal Background Check and/or Screen

The Executive Director or designee shall perform the criminal background check and/or screen required by State law or Board policy for employees; student teachers; students doing field or clinical experience other than student teaching; contractors' employees who have direct, daily contact with one or more children; and resource persons and volunteers. He or she shall take appropriate action based on the result of any criminal background check and/or screen.

Notification to Parents/Guardians

The Executive Director shall develop procedures for the distribution and use of information from law enforcement officials under the *Sex Offender Community Notification Law* and the *Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law*. The Executive Director or designee shall serve as the District contact person for purposes of these laws. The Executive Director and Dean of Faculty and Students shall manage a process for schools to notify the parents/guardians during school registration that information about sex offenders is available to the public as provided in the *Sex Offender Community Notification Law*. This notification must occur during school registration and at other times as the Executive Director or Dean determines advisable.

LEGAL REF.:

20 ILCS 2635/, Uniform Conviction Information Act.

720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

730 ILCS 152/, Sex Offender Community Notification Law.

730 ILCS 154/75-105, Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law.

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