

Houston County Board of Education

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Individuals registered as sex offenders in Tennessee or any other state are prohibited from the premises of any school in this district, except for the limited circumstances stated in this policy.¹

EMPLOYMENT

An individual listed by the state of Tennessee or any other state as a registered sex offender is ineligible for employment within the school district.

PRESENCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

No registered sex offender, other than a student enrolled in the school in question, shall come on, about, or within 1,000 feet of a local school's property line, except as provided below.² If any employee of the school district becomes aware of any registered sex offender's presence on school property, he/she shall immediately inform the principal, who shall direct the individual to leave the premises immediately. The principal shall request assistance from local law enforcement authorities if offender resists the principal's directives. If the registered sex offender repeats this restriction of coming on to school property, the principal may confer with legal counsel to take appropriate legal action.

Neither this policy nor state law impose any duty upon a principal or any other employee of the local school district to review the sex offender registry for individuals who may come upon the property.

PARENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

A parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school may attend a conference with school officials with the written permission of the school's principal.

An offender may come within the 1,000 feet limit provided that the individual is dropping off or picking up a child or children enrolled in the school.

Principals shall speak with the parent upon learning of their status as a sex offender to communicate the restrictions of this policy and to establish open dialogue with the parent, as much as is possible or reasonable. The principal shall take all appropriate measures to protect the privacy of the sex offender's child.

Legal References:

1. TCA 40-39-201, et seq.
2. TCA 40-39-211