



Book	Policy Manual
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### **Purpose**

The Derry Township School Board will work with area law enforcement in a manner consistent with applicable state law and Pennsylvania Department of Education Regulations to communication the presence of a sexual offender. When necessary, law enforcement may contact building principals and give them information concerning registered sexual offenders. The decision regarding which administrators to notify rests solely with law enforcement officials who use a rating system to determine those needing to be notified according to the offender's dangerousness to the community.

Administration, should, in turn, notify any person who, in the course of their employment, is regularly in a position to observe unauthorized persons on or near school property. Those notified could include employees such as aides, bus drivers, coaches, maintenance staff, professional support staff, school level administrative staff, security personnel, teachers' assistants, and teachers.

It is important that school personnel receiving notice understand that they are receiving sexual offender notification in their official capacity and are not to disseminate information about an offender to anyone outside of the school. If school personnel are asked about notification information by an organization using school facilities, they should be referred to the law enforcement agency that issued the notice.

Persons **not** to be notified except at the specific discretion of area law enforcement officials include members of parent-teacher organizations, other schools, organizations using school facilities, students, parents or guardians of students, and the press. Personnel may inform the press about procedures that have been put in place and other general topics, but may not reveal the name or any other specifics regarding the offender.

Unless limited by the terms and conditions of their probation or parole, a parent, or guardian who is a sexual offender shall be allowed to attend parent-teacher conferences or any other activity that is appropriate for a parent or guardian. Activities not specifically supervised by professional staff such as lunch or recess are not considered appropriate venues.

However, a parent or guardian who is a sexual offender may not participate in or attend events with children present that are not directly supervised by professional personnel representing the district. If the event or activity appropriately supervised and the parent wishes to attend, they must first inform the building principal to make the necessary arrangements. The arrangement shall include provisions for a professional employee of the district to escort the individual at all times. The parent/guardian must report directly to the school office after arriving on school property and register.

Copies of the notification from law enforcement should be kept in a secure place accessible to teachers and staff, but should not be posted on school bulletin boards or made available to students or members of the community at large.

### **Definition**

**Sexual offender** A person convicted of crime involving sex, including rape, molestation, sexual harassment and pornography production or distribution.