

**GKC (REGULATION)**

**PROCEDURES REGARDING A CAMPUS VISITOR WHO IS REGISTERED AS A SEX OFFENDER**

**Purpose**

In GKC (LOCAL), the Roma Independent School District (“District”) Board of Trustees instructs the District Superintendent to develop and implement procedures regarding a campus visitor who is registered as a sex offender. As required by GKC (LOCAL), these procedures address parental rights; escort by District personnel; access to classrooms; drop off and release of students; eligibility to serve as volunteers; and other relevant issues.

In order to protect our students and staff and safeguard the learning environment at the District, registered sex offender visitors (for brevity referred to herein as “RSOs”) must adhere to the following guidelines, subject to any state law, federal law or court order. The Superintendent may deviate from these rules if doing so would provide greater protection to students and staff. These procedures assume the RSO is not prohibited by law or court order from visiting a school campus. Failure to abide by these requirements may result in temporary and/or permanent barring from District campuses and facilities.

**Parental Rights**

The District lacks the legal authority to remove parental rights from an RSO. Similarly, the District lacks the authority to disregard the terms of conviction and/or probation of an RSO and will strictly adhere to all terms of conviction and/or probation without exception.

All RSOs must report to the school office and be required to present a government-issued photo ID, state the reason for being on campus and obtain approval from the campus principal or designee (Please see **GKC (Exhibit) - Exhibit A Sex Offender Visitation Request**). The principal or designee of each school shall ensure that staff are trained and able to verify whether a visitor to a district campus is an RSO with the computerized central database maintained by the Department of Public Safety as provided by Code of Criminal Procedure 62.005 or any other database accessible by the district. An RSO must produce certified copies of court records concerning his or her registration and any restrictions imposed on him or her of he or she is seeking access to a campus of the District.

*RSO Is Not A Parent/Guardian*

Subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Elections Code, an RSO who is not a parent or guardian as defined under state or federal law and who does not have any legitimate business (as determined by the campus principal or designee) to be present on campus is prohibited from visiting any school campus. If the RSO is not a parent, guardian, or other documented custodian of a student on the campus with a legitimate business reason (as determined by the campus principal or designee) the principal or designee will ask the person to immediately leave the District premises. The situation will be immediately reported to District to ensure the individual leaves the premises. Additionally, the principal or designee shall make a written report to be

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delivered to the Superintendent no later than (24) hours after the incident. The Superintendent shall maintain a record of such incidents and monitor said records for repeat offenders and other trends.

### *RSO Is A Parent/Guardian*

An RSO who is a parent or guardian as defined under state or federal law who has a legitimate business reason to be on campus (as determined by the campus principal or designee) must notify the administrative office of the school of the person's presence on the premises of the school and the person's registration status.

If the RSO has legitimate business with their child's teacher, counselor or their child, then the teacher, counselor, or child will be brought to the administrative office of the school and will be supervised by the principal or designee. The RSO shall be escorted by the principal or designee at all times while on the premises of the school.

### **Escort By District Personnel**

An administrator, as designated by the campus principal, will accompany the registered sex offender visitor when on campus. The RSO must not be allowed to enter into certain areas unsupervised. These areas include such spaces as classrooms, restrooms, conference rooms, offices, and areas where children may go to seek adult assistance.

### **Access To Classroom**

Access to classrooms will only be allowed for observation of the RSO's student, while accompanied by District personnel.

### **Drop Off and Release of Students**

An RSO may drop off and pick up his or her student in designated drop-off and pickup areas only. No other access will be allowed while dropping off or picking up, unless accompanied by District personnel. The principal or designee will make staff members who are responsible for supervising drop-offs/pick-ups aware of the person's status as a registered sex offender. Supervisory staff members will visually verify that the visitor is dropping off/picking up the correct student.

### *Eligibility to Serve as Volunteers*

An RSO may not serve as a volunteer.

### *Access To Playgrounds*

RSOs shall not be allowed on the playground during bus arrival/dismissal time, during school hours, and during after school hours if students are present on campus.

### **Extracurricular Activities, Programs, Graduations, Etc.**

If the RSO is not otherwise prohibited from attending school activities, the parent shall be escorted by the principal or designee at all times while attending school activities. The parent will only have access to areas of the campus that are required to fulfill the purpose of his or her visit. All restroom visits must be accompanied by District personnel.