

SEXUAL OFFENDERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, a “sexual offender” is one who is required to register as a sexual offender with the State of Connecticut pursuant to Chapter 969 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

“School property” includes all land within the perimeter of LEARN facilities and all school buildings, structures, computer networks, vehicles used for student transportation, whether owned or under contract to LEARN, and the site of any activity sponsored by a subdivision of LEARN.

Parent/Guardian Sexual Offender

A “parent/guardian sexual offender” is a sexual offender who has either parental or legal guardianship rights to a child attending a LEARN school or program.

Parent/guardian sexual offenders are prohibited from entering school property except as follows:

- With the Executive Director’s (or designee’s) prior written approval in the following instances:
 - To transport his/her own child to/from school.
 - To attend a conference to discuss his/her child’s educational progress, placement or individualized education plan (IEP).
 - Other circumstances on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Executive Director.

A parent/guardian sexual offender who attempts to communicate electronically with a student, other than his/her own child, while the student is on school property will be considered in violation of this policy and such action will be reported to the local police.

Student Sexual Offender

The Executive Director or his/her designee, shall determine the appropriate educational placement for student sexual offenders, except for those identified as having a disability. In making this determination, the Executive Director or his/her designee shall consider such factors as the safety and health of the student population. The Executive Director, or his/her designee, shall develop guidelines for managing each student sexual offender attending LEARN’s schools or programs.

A pupil placement team (PPT)/IEP team shall determine the educational placement of a student sexual offender who has a disability. The student sexual offender is entitled to the same due process procedures as for other students with disabilities. The PPT/IEP team shall develop procedures for managing each student sexual offender with a disability that attends a LEARN School or program.

Non-Parent/Non-Guardian Sexual Offender

A “non-parent/non-guardian sexual offender” is an adult sexual offender who has no parental or legal guardianship rights to a child attending a LEARN school or program.

A non-parent/non-guardian sexual offender is prohibited from entering school property. An attempt to enter school property by a non-parent/non-guardian will be considered a violation of this policy and such action will be reported to the local police.

A non-parent/non-guardian sexual offender who attempts to communicate electronically with a student while the student is on school property will be considered in violation of this policy and such action will be reported to the local police.

General Requirements and Notifications

The Executive Director or his/her designee shall inform the appropriate program director and other relevant LEARN staff of the scope of the permission granted to each sexual offender.

Sexual offenders who receive permission to enter school property must immediately report to the individual or location designated in the Executive Director's, or his/her designee's, written permission statement. The Program Director shall assign a chaperone to accompany the sexual offender while he/she is on LEARN property. The only exceptions to these requirements are when the Executive Director grants permission to a parent/guardian sexual offender to transport his/her child and when a student sexual offender receives permission to attend a LEARN school or program, in which case the guidelines developed for that individual shall apply.

The Executive Director shall use the Connecticut sexual offender registry law, to establish a system for identifying sexual offenders who are parents/guardians of children attending LEARN schools or programs and will inform those individuals of the requirements of this policy.

Lack of notification by the Executive Director does not excuse sexual offenders from abiding by the requirements and prohibitions of this policy. The Executive Director shall contact the local police anytime a sexual offender violates this policy and shall immediately revoke any privileges granted to the sexual offender under this policy.

Parents/guardians who are registered sexual offenders shall receive a copy of this policy via registered/certified mail.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 969, *Registration of Sexual Offenders*

Title 42, United States Code, Section 14071 – *Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program*

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