

3516.5

SEX OFFENDERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, a sex offender is defined in Connecticut General Statutes §54-250 through §54-261 and/or is required per these statutes to register on the state's sex offender registry. A *parent/guardian sex offender* is an individual who meets this policy's definition of sex offender and who has either parental or legal guardianship rights to a child attending a District school. A *non-parent/non-guardian sex offender* is an individual who meets this policy's definition of sex offender and who has no parental rights or legal guardianship rights to a child attending a district school.

School property includes all land within the perimeter of the school site and all school buildings, structures, facilities, computer networks and systems, and school vehicles, whether owned or leased by the school district, and the site of any school-sponsored activity.

Non-parent/Guardian Sex Offenders

A non-parent sex offender is prohibited from entering a District school except:

1. When he/she is a qualified voter and is entering school property solely for the purpose of casting his/her vote.
2. To attend an open meeting.

A non-parent sex offender who attempts to communicate electronically with a student while the student is on school property will be considered on school property without permission and will be in violation of this policy.

Parent/Guardian Sex Offenders

Parent/guardian sex offenders are prohibited from entering school property except:

1. When he/she is a qualified voter and is entering school property solely for the purpose of casting his/her vote.
2. To attend an open meeting.
3. With the Superintendent's prior written approval in the following instances:
 - a. To transport his/her own child to and/or from school.
 - b. To attend a conference to discuss his/her student's progress, placement, or individual education plan (IEP).
 - c. Under other circumstances on a case-by-case basis, as determined by the Superintendent.

A parent/guardian sex offender who attempts to communicate electronically with a student other than his/her child while the student is on school property will be considered on school property without permission and will be in violation of this policy.

Student Sex Offenders

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall determine the appropriate educational placement for student sex offenders except those identified as having a disability. When determining educational placement, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider such factors as the safety and health of the student population. The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for managing each student sex offender in District schools. If the Superintendent or designee determines that, in the best interest of District schools, the student sex offender should be placed in an alternative educational setting, the District shall pay for the costs associated with this placement.

A PPT/IEP team shall determine the educational placement of a student sex offender with a disability. The student with a disability is entitled to all the due process procedures available to a student with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The PPT/IEP team shall develop procedures for managing each student sex offender with a disability that attends a District school. If the PPT/IEP team determines that the student sex offender should be placed in an alternative educational setting, the District shall pay for the costs associated with this placement.

General Provisions

The Superintendent or his/her designee will inform the appropriate principal and other relevant District staff of the scope of the permission granted to each sex offender.

Sex offenders who receive permission to enter school property must immediately report to the individual or location designated in the Superintendent's or designee's written permission statement. The building Principal shall assign a chaperone to accompany the sex offender while he/she is on district property. The only exceptions to these requirements are when the Superintendent grants permission to a parent/guardian sex offender to transport his/her child and when a student sex offender receives permission to attend a District school in which case the guidelines developed for this individual shall apply.

The Superintendent shall use the Connecticut sex offender registry law, in conjunction with policy #3516.4, to establish a system for identifying sex offenders and will inform known sex offenders of this policy. Lack of notification does not excuse sex offenders from abiding by the requirements and prohibitions in this policy.

The Superintendent will contact law enforcement anytime a sex offender violates this policy and will immediately revoke any privileges granted to the sex offender under this policy.

Parents/guardian who are registered sex offenders shall receive a copy of this policy via registered mail.

(cf. [1110.1](#)-Parent Involvement)

(cf. [1212](#)-School Volunteers)
(cf. [1250](#)-Visits to Schools)
(cf. [1251](#)-Loitering or Causing Disturbance)
(cf. [1411](#)-Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies)
(cf. [3516](#)-Safety)
(cf. [3516.4](#)-Sex Offender Notification)
(cf. [3517](#)-Security of Buildings and Grounds)
(cf. 3517.1-Site and Building Access)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[54](#)-250 through [54](#)-261 Registration of Sexual Offenders.

PA 07-143: An Act Concerning Jessica's Law and Consensual Sexual Activity Between Adolescents Close in Age to Each Other.

PA 07-4, June 07 Special Session: An Act Concerning the Provisions of the Budget Concerning Education.

United States Code, Title 42 14071 Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program Act.

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