

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Descriptor Term: REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	Descriptor No: BO 41	Date Adopted: 12/09
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I. PURPOSE

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

II. 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.

III. PRESENCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A. No registered sex offender, whose victim is a minor, shall come on, about, or within 1,000 feet of a local school’s property line except as provided below².

B. No sexual offender or violent sexual offender shall knowingly:

1. Be upon or remain on the premises of any building or grounds of any public school when the offender has reason to believe children under eighteen (18) years of age are present;
2. Stand, sit idly, whether or not the offender is in a vehicle, or remain within 1,000 feet of the property line of, or any building owned or operated by, a public school, when children under eighteen (18) years of age are present, while not having a reason or relationship involving custody of or responsibility for a child or any other specific or legitimate reason for being there; or
3. Be in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school or any related activity thereof when children under eighteen (18) years of age are present in the conveyance³.

C. If any employee of the school district becomes aware of any registered sex offender’s presence on school property, the employee 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 onto school property, the principal may confer with legal counsel to take appropriate legal action.

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D. 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.

IV. PARENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

A. A parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school may attend a conference with school officials as a parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school and has received written permission or a request from the school’s principal provided that the parent or legal guardian is participating in the conference. The parent, however, may come to the school for the stated business only. Further, when coming in the building, the parent must come to the front office only. Once the parent enters the front office, a school official will greet the parent and escort them to the appropriate area for the conference.

B. A parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school may come within the 1,000 feet limit provided that the individual is dropping off or picking up their child or children enrolled in the school and the parent or legal guardian has provided written notice of the parent’s offender status to the school’s principal upon enrollment.

C. The principal 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. T.C.A. §40-39-201, et.seq.
2. T.C.A. §40-39-211(a)
3. T.C.A. §40-39-211(d)
4. 2010 Public Chapter N.750