

Vallivue School District 139

To protect the morals, health, and safety of students, it is the policy of Vallivue School District No. 139 to deny entrance onto the premises or conveyances owned or leased by a school, and prevent loitering on a public way within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any district school or any building used for school activities, to registered sex offenders or persons required to register under the sex offender registration act of whom the district has knowledge.

District officials will make efforts to identify registered sex offenders residing within the district's boundaries or who have children or wards enrolled in the district by periodically reviewing the Idaho State Police registry of sexual offenders.

The board authorizes the superintendent or designee to enforce this policy, including the decision to grant or deny any request for an exception, and/or impose other restrictions consistent with enforcing this policy.

DEFINITIONS

“Contact the school district office” includes mail, facsimile machine, email, or by computer using the internet.

“Extracurricular” means any school-sponsored activity, occurring during or outside regular school hours, that is outside of the regular curriculum including, but not limited to, academic, artistic, athletic or recreational activities.

“School premises” includes all buildings, facilities, and property being utilized for district-sponsored activities regardless of location, including transportation that is owned, leased, sponsored, or contracted by the district.

EXCEPTIONS

The superintendent or designee may grant a limited exception, in writing (see Policy No. 1006F2, Registered Sex Offender Sample Petition for Exception), to this prohibition for the following individuals:

1. A student in attendance at the school.
2. An individual exercising his right to vote in public elections during non-school hours.
3. An individual taking delivery of his mail through an official post office located on or in the vicinity of school grounds.
4. A parent or guardian of a student attending a school within the district whose right to educational information or access to his/her child or ward has not been limited by court

order. Such parent or guardian may be permitted access to a particular school or school event, with or without limitations, as determined appropriate by the superintendent or designee, including to transport a child or children or to attend an academic conference or other scheduled school activity at which school officials are present and his/her child is participating.

5. An individual who is temporarily on school grounds, during school hours, for the purpose of delivering mail, food, or other items as part of the individual's employment. The delivery person's employer is responsible for contacting the district and obtaining permission for the individual to be on school premises. The superintendent or designee may grant admission to such individual, deny admission, provide direct supervision, or require that the delivery person's employer provide appropriate supervision.
6. Individuals who have a legitimate need to access the school or building, as determined by the superintendent or designee.

Any individual who falls under any of the above exceptions, not including a student already in attendance at the school or an individual exercising his right to vote in a public election during non-school hours, must contact the school district office annually and file a written request and obtain written permission from the district prior to his first visit of a school year. This provision is required for an individual who:

1. Is dropping off or picking up a child or children and the person is the child(ren)'s parent or legal guardian.
2. Is attending an academic conference or other scheduled extracurricular school event with school officials present when the offender is a parent or legal guardian of a child who is participating in the conference or extracurricular event.
3. Is temporarily on school grounds, during school hours, for the purpose of making a mail, food, or other delivery.

The decision to grant or deny the request for an exception, and/or impose other restrictions, is not appealable to the board. Any decision to grant the request for an exception may be revoked by the school district for any reason at any time, with or without notice.

The decision will be based upon review of all of the relevant circumstances, including the risk to the morals, health, and safety of other students, employees, and patrons.

District administrators will immediately report to law enforcement any registered sex offender or person required to register under the sex offender registration act who has not been granted permission pursuant to this policy and who is observed or known to be on the premises, or loitering within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of a school or other location where a school activity is scheduled to occur.

School personnel will not use information received by the district regarding any registered sex offender to harass, intimidate, commit a crime against, or cause harm to any person.

The district reserves the right to refuse entry on school grounds to any person or organization that does not have legitimate business at the school and to request any unauthorized person or persons engaging in unacceptable conduct to leave the school grounds.

EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY

The district and its personnel do not have a duty to inquire, investigate or disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders, nor will school district personnel be held liable for failure to disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders to any other person or entity. School district personnel who, acting without malice or criminal intent, obtain or disseminate information under the Sexual Offender Registration Notification and Community Right-To-Know Act will be immune from civil liability for any damages claimed as a result of such disclosures made or received.

POSTING OF NOTICES

The district will cooperate with the property owner of any non-school location at which school activities will occur to post notices that the property is being used by a school, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 18-8329. Such notices shall be at least one hundred (100) square inches, refer to Idaho Code Section 18-8329, include the term “registered sex offender,” and shall be placed at the commonly-used entrances to the property and every six hundred and sixty (660) feet along the property line.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

3-512(4) and (11) – Governance of Schools

18-8301, et seq. – Sexual Offender Registration Notification and Community Right-to-Know Act

18-8325 – Exemption from Civil Liability

18-8329 – Adult Criminal Sex Offenders – Prohibited Access to School Children – Exceptions

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