

Melrose-Mindoro School District

Special Requirements Related to Registered Sex Offenders Visiting the Schools

1. State law specifically prohibits any registered sex offender from being on any school premises associated with a public school unless they have notified the District Administrator of the specific date, time, and place of the visit and of their status as a registered sex offender. It is the sex offender's responsibility to provide this required notification every time they are planning to come on school premises, except under the circumstances described in paragraphs (1)(a) through (d) below. "School premises" include any school building, grounds, recreation area or athletic field or any other property owned, used or operated for school administration. Once this school notification has been made, the District Administrator may take such additional precautions as may be necessary to help ensure the safety of students, staff and others that may be present on school premises at the time of the visit.

- a.** A registered sex offender who is the parent of a child enrolled at the school is not subject to the above special school notification requirement if the person notifies the District Administrator at the beginning of each academic school year that he/she is a registered sex offender and that he/she has a child enrolled at the school. If the child is not enrolled at the beginning of the school year, this notification must be made when the child is first enrolled. If the person is not subject to the registered sex offender reporting requirements at the beginning of the school year or when the child first enrolled, this notification must be made when the person first becomes subject to the sex offender reporting requirements.
- b.** A registered sex offender who is a student enrolled at the school is not subject to the above special school notification requirement if the department, agency or person supervising the student under a dispositional order has worked with school officials to help ensure the safety of the students attending the school with the student.
- c.** A registered sex offender who is on the school premises to vote is not subject to the above special school notification requirement if an election is being held that day and the person's polling place is on the school premises.
- d.** A registered sex offender who is on the school premises to attend an event or activity that is not sponsored by the school is not subject to the above special school notification requirement.

2. In addition to providing the special school notifications outlined above, registered sex offenders visiting the schools must abide by the other requirements outlined in Board policy and this rule, as applicable, similar to other visitors to the schools during the school day. Further, an individual's status as a registered sex offender may preclude the person from being granted permission to be present on school premises (e.g., as a school volunteer).

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