TUCSON UNIFIED

GOVERNING BOARD POLICY

REGULATION

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

(Sex Offender and Dangerous Juvenile Offender Notification and Protective Measures)

POLICY CODE: JLIF-R

To fulfill the requirements of Policy JLIF the following procedures are to be implemented:

Registered Sex Offender Community Notification When the local law enforcement agency notifies the District pursuant to A.R.S. <u>13-3825</u> and <u>13-3826</u> of a registered sex offender's presence in the community, the following actions shall occur:

Notification Flyer

- A copy of the notification flyer provided by the law enforcement agency, displaying the offender's photograph and disclosing the offender's exact address, status summary, and criminal background, is to be distributed to each school and department.
- The school principal or department supervisor shall post the notification flyer at locations where the flyer is readily accessible for viewing by staff members, students, and visitors.
- The principal or supervisor shall inform students and staff members that a new flyer has been posted.
- When the registered sex offender described in the notice is also a student within the District, then the provisions regarding juvenile (youthful) dangerous offenders and sex offenders shall also be followed, except that the restrictions against disclosure of information shall not apply to the information obtained in the community notification received from the local law enforcement agency.

District Restrictions on Registered Sex Offenders

Adult Offenders

An adult registered sex offender may not be present on school property, including school buildings, grounds, and vehicles, except when:

- The offender is the parent or guardian of a student attending the school and the offender is:
 - Attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the academic or social progress of the offender's child; or
 - Participating in child review conferences in which special education evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to the offender's child; or
 - Attending conferences to discuss other issues relating to the offender's child, such as student discipline, retention or promotion; or
 - The offender has obtained prior written permission from the Superintendent.
- When a registered sex offender is present on school property under any of the circumstances described above, the offender must comply with the following requirements:
 - Notify the principal's office immediately upon arrival on school property;
 - Remain at all times under the direct supervision of the principal or a person designated by the principal; and
 - Notify the principal's office when the offender is departing from school property.

Juvenile (Youthful) Dangerous Offenders and Sex Offenders When the District is notified by a juvenile court pursuant to A.R.S. 8-350 that a student attending a school in the District has been adjudicated delinquent for or convicted of and placed on probation for a dangerous offense or sexual conduct with a minor, sexual assault, molestation of a child, or continual sexual abuse of a child the Superintendent shall promptly notify the principal of the school where the student is in membership.

The principal shall:

Notice to teachers and staff, confer with probation officer, meet with juvenile offender's parents, teachers, counselor

- Send notice to the student's teacher(s), and such other staff members as the principal determines appropriate to the circumstance, to contact the principal concerning a confidential matter. The noticed staff members will be provided with the information received from the juvenile court, and be directed to comply with the student record confidentiality requirements prescribed in District Policy JR. A staff member who improperly discloses confidential student information may be disciplined pursuant to District policy.
- Confer with the student's probation officer to gather information on the student's offense, the conditions of probation, and assessment of the student as a risk factor where other students and staff members are concerned.
 - Where a viable risk is perceived, the principal shall notify the Superintendent who, in consultation with legal counsel and the juvenile offender's parole office, shall determine further steps to be taken.
- Meet without undue delay and to the extent reasonably possible, with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), the student's teacher(s), and the student's counselor where available. Advise the parties that the student juvenile offender:
 - Cannot attend a school where a victim of the juvenile offender is in membership;
 - Cannot attend a school where a sibling of a victim of the juvenile offender is in membership;
 - Must refrain from contact with the victim of the juvenile offender or a sibling of the victim while on school property.
- Notify parents/ guardians of victim(s)
- Notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the juvenile offender's victim of the juvenile offender's membership in a District school.

• Upon request, make the notification information available to teachers, parents, guardians, or custodians.

Staff to be alert to abnormal risk to school community

Staff members are to be alert to and inform school officials of any behavior by a juvenile offender that creates an abnormal risk to members of the school community. However, each circumstance involving a student probationary juvenile offender attending a District school shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Vigilantism to be avoided

Whenever possible without placing other students or adult members of the school community at risk, reasonable efforts should be made to continue the student's education, to provide supportive services, and to avoid any acts of harassment or vigilantism against the student.

Discretion to be exercised when disseminating information about juvenile offender Although federal and state laws and rules permit the release of information concerning a student registered sex offender, discretion should be exercised when discussing or disseminating information about the student.

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CROSS REF.:

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