

8470 - ~~COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF~~ REGISTERED SEXUAL PREDATORS/SEX OFFENDERS

The School Board is committed to assisting the sheriff and chiefs of police with their statutory requirement for mandatory community notification of sexual predators and optional community notification with regard to sex offenders as required by the Public Safety Information Act, 1997. The Board is further committed to implementing Florida laws relating to the presence of individuals convicted of certain sex-related crimes on school property.

Distribution of Information Provided to School

- A. All posters and/or other information provided directly to schools by the sheriff or chief of police will be maintained by the school for review by parents, students, and other members of the public. This is the primary means of notification to schools for the purpose of community notification within each law enforcement jurisdiction.
- B. All posters and/or other information provided directly to the District Office by the sheriff or chief of police will be distributed to all schools within the District. The principal will also make this information about offenders available for review by parents, students, and other members of the public. This is a secondary means of notification to schools for the purpose of community notification within each law enforcement jurisdiction and is meant to be supplemental.

Public Posting of Sex Offender/Sexual Predator Information

An information poster placed in the public area of the school will alert all members of the community that the sheriff and/or chief of police has provided to the school, posters or other information concerning sex offenders, as required by law.

Public Meetings

School(s) will assist law enforcement jurisdictions with public meetings with regard to community notification by providing space for the meetings when such facilities are requested of the principal. The content and general conduct of the meeting is the responsibility of the local law enforcement jurisdiction.

Direct Public Notification by Schools

- A. It is the legislated responsibility of the sheriff or chief of police to make direct community notification, with regard to sex offenders and/or sexual predators. In an effort to be consistent with the statute, neither the District office nor the schools will engage in direct public notification.
- B. Schools will continue to use newsletters and other informational sources to alert parents and students with regard to issues of student safety.

[Option must be selected in districts operating career centers]

[] Sexual Predator and Sexual Offender Notification

District career centers shall inform students and employees at orientation and on their websites of the existence of the Department of Law Enforcement sexual predator and sexual offender registry website and the toll-free telephone number that gives access to sexual predator and sexual offender public information pursuant to Florida law.

[END OF SEXUAL PREDATOR OPTION]

Presence of Individuals Convicted of Certain Sex-Related Crimes on School Property

In accordance with Florida law, except those who have been removed from the requirement to register as a sexual offender or sexual predator pursuant to Florida law, an individual convicted of committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses identified in F.S. 847.022 is prohibited from knowingly be present in any child care facility or school containing any students in pre-K through grade 12 or on real property comprising any child care facility or school containing any students in pre-K through grade 12 when the child care facility or school is in operation, if such individual fails to:

- A. provide written notification of their intent to be present to the School Board, Superintendent, Principal, or child care facility owner;
- B. notify the child care facility owner or the school Principal's office when they arrive and depart the child care facility or school; or,
- C. remain under direct supervision of a school official or designated chaperone when present in the vicinity of children.

As used in this paragraph, the term "school official" means a Principal, a school resource officer, a teacher, or any other employee of the school, the Superintendent, a member of the Board, a child care facility owner, or a child care provider.

Any individual who fails to adhere to the notice requirements herein will be immediately reported to a school resource officer or other law enforcement agency and be subject to notification that future presence on District property will be considered trespassing.

The notice requirements herein do not apply in the following situations:

- A. The child care facility or school is a voting location and the individual is present for the purpose of voting during the hours designated for voting; or,
- B. The individual is only dropping off or picking up their own children or grandchildren at the child care facility or school.

F.S. 775.21
F.S. 775.25
F.S. 856.022
F.S. 943.0435
F.S. 944.606
F.S. 1006.695