

Rights and Responsibilities of Registered Sex Offenders

Individuals registered as sex offenders in Tennessee or any other state are prohibited from the premises of any school in this district, except for the limited circumstances as a parent or guardian stated in this procedure.

Rights of the Child of a Registered Sex Offender

The child of a registered sex offender has the right to privacy.

Rights of Parents/Guardian

As a parent or guardian a registered sex offender may

- attend a conference with school officials with the written permission or request of the school's principal or facility's administrator, a signed contract on file, and written documentation of the parent's offender status on file.
- remain in the vehicle to drop-off or pick-up his/her child or children enrolled in the school with the written permission or request of the school's principal or facility's administrator, a signed contract on file, and written documentation of the parent's offender status on file.

NOTE: These rights are forfeited if the victim of the offender's sexual offense is enrolled in or employed at the school as stated in Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A)§40-39-201(d)(3).

Responsibility of Parent/Guardian

As a parent or guardian a registered sex offender must

- remain at least 1,000 feet away from any school property line or school-sponsored event.
- provide written notice of the parent's offender status to the school's principal or a school administrator upon enrollment of his/her child or conviction of a sexual offense.
- participate in an initial conference with the principal to learn the requirements of the rights listed.
- sign a contract with the principal of the school.
- remain at 100% compliance of the requirements recorded in the contract or be charged with a Class E felony. (A violation due solely to a lack of the required written permission is punishable by fine only.)

Rights of the Principal

The principal may

- obtain current and accurate public information about the registered sex offender as listed in T.C.A. §40-39-206(e)(1-3), Public Information for Registered Offender.
- request the sex offender leave campus.
- seek support from local law enforcement.

Responsibilities of the Principal

The principal must

- protect the privacy of the child of the sex offender.
- conference with the parent/guardian who is a sex offender to discuss the rights and responsibilities of all parties and develop a contract of limited involvement.
- immediately report any violations to the contract to local law enforcement.
- instruct staff to inform the principal if he/she obtains knowledge of a registered sex offender.

NOTE: Principal and staff do not have the responsibility for searching the sex offender registry for any person who may be on the grounds.