

Registered Sex Offenders

The State of Montana has determined that perpetrators of certain sex crimes pose a continuing threat to society as a whole even after completion of their criminal sentences. Recognizing that the safety and welfare of students is of paramount importance, the Poplar School District declares that, except in limited circumstances, Poplar School District property should be off limits to registered sex offenders.

The District hereby declares that no registered sex offender whose victim was a minor may come on, about or within 1,000 feet of any District owned buildings or property except as otherwise provided in this policy. If an administrator becomes aware that such a sex offender is on, about or within 1,000 feet of school property, the administrator shall direct the sex offender to leave the area immediately. The School Board authorizes the administrator to request the assistance of the appropriate law enforcement authorities to secure the removal of any registered sex offender from the area. If a registered sex offender disregards the terms of this policy or the directives of the school administrator, then the Superintendent is authorized to confer with counsel and to pursue such criminal or civil action as may be necessary to enforce compliance with this policy.

This policy shall not be construed to impose any duty upon any administrator or any other employee of the District to review the Sex Offender Registry or to screen individuals coming on or within 1,000 feet of school property to ascertain whether they are on the Registry. This policy shall only apply when administrators have actual knowledge that the person in question is on the Sex Offender Registry and that the offender's victim was a minor.

The provisions of this policy prohibiting a registered sex offender from coming on, about or within 1,000 feet of school property shall not apply in the event that a sex offender's name has been expunged from the Registry.

In the event that a registered sex offender whose victim was a minor has a child attending the District, the administrator shall be authorized to permit the individual to be present on school property with certain conditions in place.

Legal Reference: § 46-23-501, MCA Sexual or Violent Offender Registration Act
www.doj.mt.gov/svor/ Sexual or Violent Offender Registry

Policy History:

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