

Policy Code: 5022 Registered Sex Offenders

The board is committed to the safety of students and other persons on school property. In order to maintain a safe school environment, the superintendent and all school personnel shall enforce the provisions of this policy at all times.

A. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply.

1. Registered Sex Offender

A registered sex offender is a person who (1) is required to register under the Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program and (2) has committed any of the following: an offense in [G.S. 14, art. 7B](#); a federal offense or offense committed in another state, which if committed in this state, is substantially similar to an offense in [G.S. 14, art. 7B](#); an offense in which the victim was under the age of 18 years at the time of the offense; or an offense in violation of [G.S. 14-190.16](#), [14-190.17](#), or [14-190.17A](#) or any federal offense or offense committed in another state, which if committed in this state, is substantially similar to an offense in violation of [G.S. 14-190.16](#), [14-190.17](#), or [14-190.17A](#).

2. School Property

School property is defined as any school grounds or any property owned or operated by the school system where minors frequently congregate.

B. Registered Sex Offenders Banned from All School Property

In accordance with [G.S. 14-208.18](#), registered sex offenders are expressly forbidden to knowingly be present on any school property, whether before, during, or after school hours. In addition, registered sex offenders may not attend or be present at any student function or field trip on or off school property that is (1) school-sponsored or (2) otherwise under the official supervision or control of school personnel. This policy applies to all registered sex offenders regardless of their relationship to or affiliation with a student in the school system.

C. Enforcement

All school personnel must immediately report to a school administrator the presence or suspected presence of a known or suspected registered sex offender on school property. School administrators and other supervisory personnel shall report to the superintendent and law enforcement when they reasonably believe that a registered sex offender is or has been on school property or at a school event.

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