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Exhibit - Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records¹

Upon the initial enrollment or transfer of a student to the school, the school must notify the student and the student's parents/guardians of their rights concerning school student records. This notification may be distributed by any means likely to reach parents/guardians.

The contact information for each School's Official Records Custodian follows:

This notice contains a description of your and your child's rights concerning school student records.

A *school student record* is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be individually identified that is maintained by a school or at its direction or by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except for certain records kept in a staff member's sole possession; records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school; video and other electronic recordings that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes; and electronic recordings made on school buses. The District maintains two types of school records for each student: *permanent* record and *temporary* record.

The *permanent record* includes:

1. Basic identifying information, including the student's name and address, birth date and place, gender, and the names and addresses of the student's parents/guardians.
2. Evidence required under the Missing Children Records Act. 325 ILCS 50/5(b)(1).
3. Academic transcripts, including: grades, graduation date, and grade level achieved;² the unique student identifier assigned and used by the Ill. State Board of Education ([ISBE](#)) Student

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¹ This notification is based on the *Model Notification* published by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Changes were made to comply with the Ill. School Student Records Act (ISSRA, 105 ILCS 10/) and the ISBE rule mandating this notification (23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.30(d)). To obtain the legal citations for this exhibit's provisions, see [sample administrative procedure 7:340-AP1, School Student Records](#), which is annotated with citations to controlling rules and statutes.

Customize this notice to reflect the district's practice, particularly to specify the district's treatment of records that the law: (1) permits to be kept as either permanent records or temporary records; and (2) allows to be kept as directory information.

² 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10 provides that districts may, through board policy, allow scores received on college entrance examinations to be included on a student's academic transcript if that inclusion is requested in writing by a student, parent or person who enrolled the student. If the board allows written requests to include college entrance examination scores on students' transcripts, insert the following phrase into #3:

scores received on college entrance examinations if that inclusion is requested in writing by an eligible student or the student's parent/guardian;

Information System ~~(SIS)~~; as applicable, designation of an Advanced Placement computer science course as a mathematics-based, quantitative course for purposes of meeting State graduation requirements set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27-22; as applicable, designation of the student's achievement of the State Seal of Biliteracy, awarded in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.159; as applicable, designation of the student's achievement of the State Commendation Toward Biliteracy; and as applicable, designation of the student's achievement of the Global Scholar Certification, awarded in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.169.

4. Attendance record.
5. Health record defined by ~~the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE)~~ as "medical documentation necessary for enrollment and proof of dental examinations, as may be required under Section 27-8.1 of the School Code."
6. Record of release of permanent record information that includes each of the following:
 - a. The nature and substance of the information released;
 - b. The name and signature of the official records custodian releasing such information;
 - c. The name and capacity of the requesting person and the purpose for the request;
 - d. The date of release; and
 - e. A copy of any consent to a release.
7. Scores received on all State assessment tests administered at the high school level (that is, grades 9 through 12). 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5.

If not maintained in the *temporary record*, the *permanent record* may include:

1. Honors and awards received.
2. Information concerning participation in school-sponsored activities or athletics, or offices held in school-sponsored organizations.

All information not required to be kept in the student permanent record is kept in the student *temporary record* and must include:

1. Record of release of temporary record information that includes the same information as listed above for the record of release of permanent records.
2. Scores received on the State assessment tests administered in the elementary grade levels (that is, kindergarten through grade 8).
3. Completed home language survey.
4. Information regarding serious disciplinary infractions (that is, those involving drugs, weapons, or bodily harm to another) that resulted in expulsion, suspension, or the imposition of punishment or sanction.
5. Any final finding report received from a Child Protective Service Unit provided to the school under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act; no report other than what is required under Section 8.6 of that Act (325 ILCS 5/8.6) shall be placed in the student record.
6. Information concerning a student's status and related experiences as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence, as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A, including a statement of the student or any other documentation, record, or corroborating evidence and the fact that the student has requested or obtained assistance, support, or services related to that status.
7. Any biometric information that is collected in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.40.

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Note: Though 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10 uses the phrase "student, parent or person who enrolled the student," student records rights under ISSRA and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232g) attach to *eligible students* and their parents/guardians, not to "a person who enrolled the student" (though that person is typically a parent or guardian).

- ~~6-8.~~ Health-related information, defined by the ISBE as “current documentation of a student's health information, not otherwise governed by the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act or other privacy laws, that includes identifying information, health history, results of mandated testing and screenings, medication dispensation records and logs, e.g., glucose readings, long-term medications administered during school hours, documentation regarding a student athlete and his or her parent/guardian’s acknowledgment of the District’s concussion policy adopted under 105 ILCS 5/22-80 and other health-related information that is relevant to school participation, e.g., nursing services plan, failed screenings, yearly sports physical exams, interim health histories for sports.”
- ~~7-9.~~ Accident report, defined by the ISBE as “documentation of any reportable student accident that results in an injury to a student, occurring on the way to or from school or on school grounds, at a school athletic event, or when a student is participating in a school program or school-sponsored activity or on a school bus and that is severe enough to cause the student not to be in attendance for one-half day or more or requires medical treatment other than first aid. The accident report shall include identifying information, nature of injury, days lost, cause of injury, location of accident, medical treatment given to the student at the time of the accident, or if the school nurse has referred the student for a medical evaluation, regardless of whether the parent or guardian, student (if 18 years or older), or an unaccompanied homeless youth ... has followed through on that request.”
- ~~8-10.~~ Any documentation of a student’s transfer, including records indicating the school or school district to which the student transferred.
- ~~9-11.~~ Completed course substitution form for any student who, when under the age of 18, is enrolled in vocational and technical course or a registered apprenticeship program under 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 255 as a substitute for a high school or graduation requirement.
- ~~10-12.~~ Information contained in related service logs maintained by the District for a student with an individualized education program under 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02f(d), ~~amended by P.A. 101-643~~, including for speech and language services, occupational therapy services, physical therapy services, school social work services, school counseling services, school psychology services, and school nursing services.³

The temporary record may include:

1. Family background information
2. Intelligence test scores, group and individual
3. Aptitude test scores
4. Reports of psychological evaluations, including information on intelligence, personality, and academic information obtained through test administration, observation, or interviews
5. Elementary and secondary achievement level test results
6. Participation in extracurricular activities, including any offices held in school-sponsored clubs or organizations
7. Honors and awards received
8. Teacher anecdotal records
9. Other disciplinary information
10. Special education records
11. Records associated with plans developed under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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³ 105 ILCS 10/2(f), ~~amended by P.A. 101-515~~.

12. Verified reports or information from non-educational persons, agencies, or organizations of clear relevance to the student's education

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Ill. School Student Records Act (ISSRA) afford parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age (*eligible students*) certain rights with respect to the student's school records. They are:

1. **The right to inspect and copy the student's education records within 10 business days after the date the District receives a request for access.**

The degree of access a student has to his or her records depends on the student's age. Students less than 18 years of age have the right to inspect and copy only their permanent record. Students 18 years of age or older have access and copy rights to both permanent and temporary records. Parents/guardians or students should submit to the Building Principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) or student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. The District shall make the records available to inspect and copy within 10 business days, unless the District extends the response timeline to 15 business days in accordance with ISSRA. The District charges \$.35 per page for copying but no one will be denied their right to copies of their records for inability to pay this cost.

These rights are denied to any person against whom an order of protection has been entered concerning a student. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.3c and 10/5(a); 750 ILCS 60/214(b)(15). ⁴

2. **The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student believes are inaccurate, irrelevant, or improper.**

Parents/guardians or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, irrelevant, or improper. They should write the Building Principal or the Official Records Custodian, clearly identify the record they want changed, and specify the reason.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parents/guardians or eligible student, the District will notify the parents/guardians or eligible student of the decision and advise him or her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. **The right to permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the FERPA or ISSRA authorizes disclosure without consent.**

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⁴ 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10 provides that districts may, through board policy, allow scores received on college entrance examinations to be included on a student's academic transcript if that inclusion is requested in writing by a student, parent or person who enrolled the student. If the board allows written requests to include college entrance examination scores on students' transcripts, insert the following as right #2:

2. **The right to have one or more scores received on college entrance examinations included on the student's academic transcript.**

Parents/guardians or eligible students may have one or more scores on college entrance exams included on their student's academic transcript. Students often take college entrance examinations multiple times to improve their results. Test publishers provide the results from each examination taken to the student's high school. A parent/guardian or eligible student may want certain scores to be included on academic transcripts sent to postsecondary institutions to which the student applies. The District will include scores on college entrance examinations upon the written request of the parent/guardian or eligible student stating the name of each college entrance examination that is the subject of the request and the dates of the scores that are to be included.

Note: Though 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10 uses the phrase "student, parent or person who enrolled the student," student records rights under ISSRA and FERPA attach to *eligible students* and their parents/guardians, not to "a person who enrolled the student" (though that person is typically a parent or guardian).

Disclosure without consent is permitted to school officials with legitimate educational or administrative interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board. A school official may also include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of personally identifiable information from education records (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, or educational technology vendor); or any parents/guardians or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. Individual board members do not have a right to see student records merely by virtue of their office unless they have a current demonstrable educational or administrative interest in the student and seeing his or her record(s) would be in furtherance of the interest.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility or contractual obligations with the District.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by State or federal law. Before information is released to these individuals, the parents/guardians will receive prior written notice of the nature and substance of the information, and an opportunity to inspect, copy, and challenge such records.

When a challenge is made at the time the student's records are being forwarded to another school to which the student is transferring, there is no right to challenge: (1) academic grades, or (2) references to expulsions or out-of-school suspensions.

Disclosure is also permitted without consent to: any person for research, statistical reporting or planning, provided that no student or parent(s)/guardian(s) can be identified; to another school district that overlaps attendance boundaries with the District, if the District has entered into an intergovernmental agreement that allows for sharing of student records and information with the other district;⁵ any person named in a court order; appropriate persons if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons; and juvenile authorities when necessary for the discharge of their official duties who request information before adjudication of the student.

4. The right to a copy of any school student record proposed to be destroyed or deleted.

The permanent record is maintained for at least 60 years after the student transfers, graduates, or permanently withdraws. The temporary record is maintained for at least five years after the student transfers, graduates, or permanently withdraws. Temporary records that may be of assistance to a student with a disability who graduates or permanently withdraws, may, after five years, be transferred to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or to the student, if the student has succeeded to the rights of the parent(s)/guardian(s). Student temporary records are reviewed every four years or upon a student's change in attendance centers, whichever occurs first.

5. The right to prohibit the release of directory information concerning the parent's/guardian's child.⁶

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⁵ For elementary and high school districts only.

⁶ Districts are not required to identify and release directory information. **Be sure that the board policy provides for the release of directory information before including this right.** See [sample policy 7:340, Student Records](#).

Throughout the school year, the District may release directory information regarding its students, limited to:

Name

Address

Grade level

Birth date and place

Parent(s)/guardian(s)' names, addresses, electronic mail addresses, and telephone numbers

Photographs, videos, or digital images used for informational or news-related purposes (whether by a media outlet or by the school) of a student participating in school or school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics that have appeared in school publications, such as yearbooks, newspapers, or sporting or fine arts programs

Academic awards, degrees, and honors

Information in relation to school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics

Major field of study

Period of attendance in school

Any parent/guardian or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above information by delivering a written objection to the Building Principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. No directory information will be released within this time period, unless the parent/guardian or eligible student is specifically informed otherwise.

No photograph highlighting individual faces is allowed for commercial purposes, including solicitation, advertising, promotion or fundraising without the prior, specific, dated and written consent of the parent or student, as applicable; and no image on a school security video recording shall be designated as directory information.

6. The right to request that military recruiters or institutions of higher learning not be granted access to your secondary school student's name, address, and telephone numbers without your prior written consent.

Federal law requires a secondary school to grant military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon their request, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers, unless the student's parent/guardian, or a student who is 18 years of age or older, submits a written request that the information not be released without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student. If you wish to exercise this option, notify the Building Principal where your student is enrolled for further instructions.

7. The right contained in this statement: No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege or benefits or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance the securing by any individual of any information from a student's temporary record which such individual may obtain through the exercise of any right secured under State law.

8. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

U.S. Department of Education

Student Privacy Policy Office

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington DC 20202-8520

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Exhibit – Student Covered Information Reporting Form

Use this sample form to implement the requirements of the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) (105 ILCS 85/27(a)(1)) ~~as added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21~~. SOPPA requires a district to provide a clear and understandable layperson explanation on the district's website (or at the district administrative office, if it does not maintain a website) of the data elements of covered information that a district collects, maintains, or discloses to any person, entity, third party, or governmental agency, as well as other operator-related information.

Covered Information (CI) Disclosed to Operators

Operator Name	Site/Application /Service	Data Elements of CI	How the CI is Used	Purpose of Disclosure	Link to Copy of Contract	Operator Business Address	Subcontractors to Whom CI is Disclosed

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¹ A listing of the “data elements” that the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) collects from school districts for its Student Information System (SIS) (which districts submit through their ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) accounts) is available at: www.isbe.net/Pages/SIS-Data-Elements-approved-codes-and-indicators.aspx, at the “All Data Elements and Validations” tab. SOPPA does not specify whether links to data elements are permitted as a means of compliance. Consult the board attorney for guidance.

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Exhibit – Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors

Use the sample text below to provide notice to parents/guardians about educational technology vendors pursuant to the Student Online Personal Protection Act, 105 ILCS 85/28(e), ~~added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, school d~~Districts must provide this notice to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year through distribution of school handbooks or other means generally used by a district to provide such notices to parents/guardians.

Annual Notice to Parents about Educational Technology Vendors Under the Student Online Personal Protection Act

~~School districts throughout the State of Illinois contract with~~The District has contracts with ~~different educational technology vendors for beneficial K-12 to support and enhance student learning and purposes such as providing personalized learning and innovative educational technologies, and increasing efficiency in school operations.~~

Under Illinois' Student Online Personal Protection Act, ~~or (SOPPA), (105 ILCS 85/), educational technology vendors and other entities~~ that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes are ~~referred to in SOPPA as called~~ operators. SOPPA is intended to ensure that student data collected by operators is protected, and it requires those vendors, as well as school districts and the Ill. State Board of Education, to take ~~a number of~~ actions to ~~safeguard~~protect online student data.

Depending upon the ~~particular educational~~ technology being used, ~~the our~~ District may need to collect different types of student data, which is then shared with ~~educational technology~~ vendors through their online sites, services, and/or applications. ~~Under SOPPA, educational technology~~SOPPA ~~vendors prohibits vendors are prohibited~~ from selling or renting a student's information or from engaging in targeted advertising using a student's information. ~~Such V~~endors may only disclose student data for K-12 school purposes and other limited purposes permitted under the law.

In general terms, the types of student data that may be collected and shared include personally identifiable information (PII) about students or information that can be linked to PII about students, such as:

- Basic identifying information, including student or parent/guardian name and student or parent/guardian contact information, username/password, student ID number
- Demographic information
- Enrollment information
- Assessment data, grades, and transcripts
- Attendance and class schedule
- Academic/extracurricular activities
- Special indicators (e.g., disability information, English language learner, free/reduced meals or homeless/foster care status)
- Conduct/behavioral data
- Health information

- Food purchases
- Transportation information
- In-application performance data
- Student-generated work
- Online communications
- Application metadata and application use statistics
- Permanent and temporary school student record information
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Operators may collect and use student data only for K-12 purposes, ~~which are purposes that aid in the administration of school activities,~~ such as:

- ~~Classroom instruction~~ ~~Instruction in the classroom or at home (including remote learning)~~
- Administrative activities
- Collaboration between students, school personnel, and/or parents/guardians
- Other activities that are for the use and benefit of the ~~school~~ District

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Exhibit – Parent Notification Letter for Student Data Breach

Beginning July 1, 2021, use this sample letter to comply with the Student Online Personal Protection Act's requirement that a school district must notify the parent/guardian when the covered information of his/her child has been breached. 105 ILCS 85/27(d), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21.

On District Letterhead

Re: Student Data Breach Notification

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Despite the District's ongoing efforts to ensure high levels of security and privacy in the use of online student data, we regret to inform you that certain data about your child [was] **OR** [may have been] compromised in a recent breach of [insert name of online site, service, or application and name of operator] **OR** [the District's network]. The breach [is estimated to have] occurred on [insert date or date range]. The following information about your child was compromised:

[Insert description of student's covered information that was compromised or reasonably believed to have been compromised]

The District [, in cooperation with the operator,] is actively investigating the causes and extent of the breach, and we will keep you apprised of any relevant updates. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, you may contact me [or directly contact the operator involved]:

[Insert Superintendent contact information]

[Insert operator contact information, if applicable]

You may also obtain information from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and consumer reporting agencies about fraud alerts and security freezes at:

FTC

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0279-extended-fraud-alerts-and-credit-freezes

877-FTC-HELP (382-4537)

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20680

Equifax

www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

800-685-1111

Equifax Information Services LLC (fraud alert)

P.O. Box 105069

Atlanta, GA 30348-5069

Equifax Information Services LLC (security freeze)

P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348-5069

Experian

www.experian.com/help/

888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)

Transunion

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-help>

888-909-8872

Transunion Fraud Victim Assistance (fraud alert)

P.O. Box 2000

Chester, PA 19016

Transunion (security freeze)

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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Community Relations

Exhibit - Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Student's Name (*Please print*)

School

State law places restrictions on child sex offenders' access to school property. See 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3. It prohibits a child sex offender from knowingly being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender: (1) is a parent/guardian of a student and the parent/guardian is: (a) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (b) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (c) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child (such as retention and promotion) and notifies the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school; or (2) has permission to be present from the Superintendent or the School Board. If permission is granted, and the Superintendent or Board President must have informed the Building Principal where the offender will be, the nature of the offender's visit, and the hours in which the offender will be present in the school. A child sex offender must notify the Building Principal's office upon arrival on school property, present on school property must remain under the direct supervision of a school official at all times, and notify the Building Principal's office upon departure from school property. A child sex offender who violates these provisions of the law is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

Instructions for Child Sex Offenders

To lawfully visit school property, a child sex offender must complete 8:30-E2, *Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property*, for each visit to school property.

Sincerely,

School Administrator

8:30-E1

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Exhibit - Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property

State law places restrictions on child sex offenders' access to school property. See 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

If you are a child sex offender, you must complete this form to lawfully visit school property whenever students are present. After a decision is made whether to grant or deny your request for permission to visit, a copy will be returned to you. This information will be kept in the District's main office as well as in the Building Principal's office where you are seeking permission to visit.

Name (Please print)

Address

Signature

Date

School (Visit Location)

Date and Time of Visit

Complete the following if you are a parent/guardian of a student attending the above-listed school.

I request permission to visit the school for the following reason(s):

- ☐ To attend a conference with school personnel to discuss the academic or social progress of my child.
- ☐ To participate in my child's review conference in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to my child regarding special education services.
- ☐ To attend a conference to discuss other student issues concerning my child such as retention and promotion.
- ☐ Other (Please be specific): _____

Complete the following if you are **not** a parent/guardian of a student who attends the school you are requesting to visit.

- ☐ I request permission to visit the school for the following reason(s) (Please be specific): _____

8:30-E2

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The following is to be completed by District personnel only:

☐ **Permission Granted**

☐ **Permission Denied**

Date

Signature (*Superintendent, Designee, or Board President*)

Visit Supervision (*To be completed by the staff member supervising the child sex offender*)

Supervisor's Name (*Please print*) _____

Visitor's Time In _____

Visitor's Time Out _____

Date

Supervisor's Signature

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