Minidoka County Joint School District # 331

Pursuant to the Juvenile Sex Offender Act, the state superintendent of public instruction will notify the district regarding the enrollment of a registered juvenile sex offender in the district. The state superintendent of public instruction will also notify the district, or a school in the district, of the offender's probationary status or treatment status, if known.

The term "juvenile sex offender" means a person who was between fourteen (14) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age at the time the qualifying sex offense was committed and who:

- 1. On or after July 1, 1998, was adjudicated delinquent under the juvenile corrections act for an action that would be a sex offense if committed by an adult, including the crime, attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit the following: sexual abuse of a child under sixteen (16) years of age; ritualized abuse of a child; sexual exploitation of a child; possession of sexually exploitative material for other than a commercial purpose; lewd conduct with a minor child; sexual battery of a minor child sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age; male rape; crime against nature; forcible sexual penetration by use of a foreign object; or
- 2. As of July 1, 1998, is serving formal probation, a period of detention, or commitment to the department of juvenile corrections as the result of sentencing imposed under Idaho Code section 20-520 for an action as described in item one (1) above; or
- 3. Was adjudicated delinquent in another state for an action that is substantially equivalent to the offenses described in item one (1) of this enumerated list and is subject on or after July 1, 1998, to Idaho court jurisdiction under the interstate compact or juveniles; or
- 4. If required to register in another state for having committed a sex offense in the state regardless of the date of the offense or its adjudication.

# Administrative Action

If the principal or designee becomes aware that a juvenile sex offender is enrolled in a district school, the principal or designee will take the following action:

- 1. Request information regarding the student's juvenile record and any information regarding the offense committed, adjudication, probationary status and treatment status from the department of law enforcement and/or the superintendent of public instruction.
- 2. Convene a meeting to determine what administrative action, if any, should be taken; the sole purpose of any such administrative action will be to protect the health and safety of all students.

The meeting will include individuals deemed necessary by the principal or designee, including, but not limited to, the juvenile's teacher(s), school counselor, probation officer, and other individuals whose expertise may assist the principal in determining the safety risk posed by the juvenile. The principal may also seek input from the juvenile and/or his or her parent/guardian. Among other administrative actions discussed, the members of the meeting may discuss whether written notice to other parents/guardians that a particular student is on the juvenile sex offender registry is warranted (see the section titled "Written Notice" in this policy). The meeting will occur as soon as possible, but in no case more than five (5) school days from when the principal or designee first becomes aware that a juvenile sex offender is enrolled in a district school.

After reviewing all factors, the principal will determine what action, if any, the school will take to supervise a juvenile sex offender under this policy. The principal will notify, in writing, the

Juvenile's parent/guardian of the determination and advise them that they may request a review by the board. The principal's determination may be reviewed by the board, if requested by the parent/guardian within ten (10) days. The board's decision is final.

Pending a decision as to what administrative action, if any will be taken, the juvenile sex offender will be closely supervised at all times by a one-to-one aide or other means as appropriated. Decisions about administrative actions regarding juvenile sex offenders will be made on a case-by-case basis. The principal will convene a meeting to review the administrative actions regarding juvenile sex offenders annually or more frequently, if determined to be necessary by the principal.

# Written Notice

If deemed necessary to protect students, staff or other individuals, the district may provide written notice that a particular student is on the juvenile sex offender registry. The notice will be provided by sending a letter to the parents/guardians of students whose health and safety may need to be protected. The notice will identify the student and will contain the following cautionary statement:

The information contained in this notice was received from the superintendent of

public instruction in compliance with Juvenile Sexual Offender Registration

Notification and Community Right-to Know act, Idaho Code §18-8401, et seq.

The district is not able to guarantee the completeness and accuracy of the registry

Information. Any individual who uses the information to commit a crime, or cause

Physical harm to any person or damage to property is guilty of a misdemeanor,

And subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one (1)

year, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or both.

# **Exemption From Civil Liability**

School District personnel do not have a duty to inquire, investigate or disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders enrolled in the district, nor will school district personnel be held liable for failure to disclose any information regarding registered sex offenders to any person or entity. School district personnel who, acting without malice or criminal intent, obtain or disseminate information under the Juvenile Sex Offender Act are immune from civil liability for any damages claimed as a result of such disclosures made or received

# **Penalties For Misuse Of Information**

School district personnel will not use information obtained pursuant to the Juvenile Sex Offender Act to commit a crime or to cause physical harm to any person or damage to property. Misuse of information regarding a juvenile sex offender may result in an individual being found guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for no more than (1) year and /or a fine of not more than \$1,000.

# **Special Education**

An individualized Education Program (IEP) team will take appropriate action when dealing with a juvenile sex offender in these situations:

- 1. The student has a valid IEP
- 2. The district determines that an evaluation is necessary to determine whether the student

qualifies for special education and related services.

3. The parent/guardian request that the student be evaluated for special education and related services.

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#### LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code Sections 18-8401 et seq. 18-8301 et seq. 18-8323

#### **Definition**

<u>"Student sex offender" shall mean a student who has been adjudicated delinquent or convicted</u> of and placed on probation for a dangerous offense such as sexual conduct with a minor, sexual assault, molestation of a child, or continual sexual abuse of a child.

# Notification to School District

The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required by State law to notify a school district or private school regarding the enrollment of a registered juvenile sex offender. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is also required to notify the District or school of the offender's probationary status or treatment status, if known. The Superintendent of the District or his or her designee shall make contact with the State Department of Education in order to receive regular updates of this information.

# Educational Placement

The Superintendent of the District or his or her designee shall determine the appropriate educational placement for student sex offenders except those identified as having a disability. When determining educational placement, the Superintendent or his or her designee shall consider such factors as the safety and health of the student population. The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for managing each student sexual offender in District schools. If the Superintendent or designee determines that, in the best interest of District schools, the student sexual offender should be placed in an alternative educational setting, the District shall pay for the costs associated with this placement.

Convicted juvenile sex offenders shall not attend a school attended by their victims or a victim's sibling. The offender and his or her parent or guardian shall be responsible for providing transportation or covering other costs related to the offender's attendance at another school.

An IEP team shall determine the educational placement of a student sexual offender with a disability. The student with a disability is entitled to all the due process procedures available to a student with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The IEP team shall develop procedures for managing each student sexual offender with a disability that attends a District school. If the IEP team determines that the student sexual offender should be placed in an alternative educational setting, the District shall pay for the costs associated with this placement.

# <u>Staff</u>

Staff members are to be alert to and inform school officials of any behavior by a juvenile offender that creates an abnormal risk to members of the school community. However, each circumstance involving a student probationary juvenile offender attending a District school shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Whenever possible without placing other students or adult members of the school community at risk, reasonable efforts should be made to continue the student's education, to provide supportive services, and to avoid any acts of harassment or vigilantism against the student. Although federal and State laws and rules permit the release of information concerning a student registered sex offender, discretion should be exercised when discussing or disseminating information about the student. Whenever possible, the school community should encourage and support timely and appropriate intervention toward the expected outcome that a juvenile offender's conduct will be rectified so the student will commit no further offense and will develop into a responsible, self-controlled adult.

IC § 18-8402 Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Notification and Community Right-To-Know Act - Findings
IC § 18-8403 Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Notification and
Community Right-To-Know Act - Definitions
IC § 18-8408 Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Notification and
Community Right-To-Know Act - Providing List To
Superintendent Of Public Instruction
IC § 18-8412 Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Notification and
Community Right-To-Know Act - Exemption from Civi
Liability
IC § 18-8413 Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Notification and
Community Right-To-Know Act - Penalties for
Vigilantism or Other Misuse of Information

# <u>IC § 33-205</u>

Denial of School Attendance

**ADOPTED:** Unknown

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