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# MATERIAL RELOCATED FROM POLICY 4:170

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## Operational Services

### Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and Notification Laws/or Screen; Notifications

#### Persons Prohibited on School Property without Prior Permission

State law prohibits a child sex offender from 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 meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) 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 (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. The offender received permission to be present from the Governing Board, Director, or Director's designee. If permission is granted, the Director or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Director; or designee ~~who is a certified employee~~ shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

If a student is a sex offender, the Director or designee shall develop guidelines for managing his or her presence in school.

#### Criminal Background Check and/or Screen

The Director or designee shall perform the criminal background check and/or screen required by State law or Board policy for employees; student teachers; students doing field or clinical experience other than student teaching; contractors' employees who have direct, daily contact with one or more children; and resource persons and volunteers. He or she shall take appropriate action based on the result of any criminal background check and/or screen.

#### Notification to Parents/Guardians

The Director shall develop procedures for the distribution and use of information from law enforcement officials under the Sex Offender Community Notification Law and the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law. The Director or designee shall serve as the Cooperative contact person for purposes of these laws. The Director and Building Principal shall manage a process for schools to notify the parents/guardians during school registration that information about sex offenders is available to the public as provided in the Sex Offender Community Notification Law. This notification must occur during school registration and at other times as the Director or Building Principal determines advisable.

**Comment [AP1]:** These topics were formerly covered in policy 4:170, *Safety*.  
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**Comment [AP2]:** This section was added to serve as the central requirement concerning criminal background checks and screens.  
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LEGAL REF.: 20 ILCS 2635/, Uniform Conviction Information Act.  
720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.  
730 ILCS 152/, Sex Offender Community Notification Law.  
730 ILCS 154/75-105, Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community  
Notification Law.

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and  
Volunteers), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations  
with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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