

Registered Sex Offenders

Individuals registered as sex offenders in Tennessee or any other state are prohibited from the premises of any school in the Sevier County School System, except for the limited circumstances stated in this policy.

Employment - Any individual listed by the state of Tennessee or any other state as a registered sex offender is ineligible for employment within the Sevier County School System.

Presence in School Property - No registered sex offender, whose victim was a minor, shall come on, about, or within 1000 feet of a Sevier County School System's school property line except as provided below. If any employee of the school district becomes aware of any registered sex offender's presence on school property, he/she will immediately inform the principal who shall direct the individual to leave the premises immediately. The principal shall request assistance from local law enforcement authorities (including the SRO) if the offender resists the principal's directives. If the registered sex offender violates this restriction of coming on to school property, the principal will report this violation to the Director of Schools or other appropriate official in the system central office. After conferring with legal counsel, appropriate action will be taken.

Parents who are registered sex offenders - The principal may modify the "Presence on School Property" section of this policy to allow a parent who is a registered sex offender to drop off and pick up his/her child from school and to come onto campus for parent/teacher conferences. The parent, however, may come to school for the stated business only. Further, when coming in the building, the parent must come to the front office only.

The principal shall speak with the parent upon learning of his/her status as a sex offender to communicate the restrictions of this policy and to establish open dialogue with the parent, as much as is possible or reasonable. The principal shall take all appropriate measure to protect the privacy of the sex offender's child.