

Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

For purposes of this policy, "school property" means school buildings, District buildings not being used as a school, vehicles used for school purposes, any location being utilized during a school athletic event or other school-sponsored event, properties posted with a notice that they are used by a school and school grounds.

The District encourages visits by Board members, parents and citizens to all District buildings.

All visitors shall report to the main office upon entering any District building, including schools.

All building administrators shall ensure that prominent notices are posted at each entrance requiring that all visitors must first report to the administrative office. This includes all parents, board members, volunteers, social service workers, invited speakers, maintenance and repair persons not employed by the district, salespersons, representatives of the news media, former students, and any other visitors.

Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time shall be permitted only with the principal's and teacher's approval and such visits shall not be permitted if their duration or frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal school environment.

Conferences should be held outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/prep time.

Loitering / Unauthorized Persons

The Principal has authority to request assistance from law enforcement if any visitor or unauthorized individual refuses to leave school grounds or creates a disturbance. Violation of district policy may lead to removal from the building or grounds and denial of further access to district buildings or grounds.

Employees shall report to the Principal any person loitering on or near a school building or school grounds. The Principal may request such unauthorized individual to leave or remove him/her from the school premises or area. If the individual does not leave voluntarily or resists removal, law enforcement shall be notified and requested to assist in the removal. The Principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent's office immediately if such a situation develops.

Unauthorized persons loitering in, about any school building, or on school grounds shall be asked to leave the premises. Any such person failing to leave the premises shall be considered to be in probable violation of disorderly conduct or trespassing statutes. Law enforcement shall be notified and requested to remove the individual from the building or grounds.

The District expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event shall:

1. Injure, threaten, harass or intimidate a staff member, a school board member, sports official or coach, or any other person;
2. Damage or threaten to damage another's property;
3. Damage or deface District property;
4. Violate any Idaho law, or town or county ordinance;
5. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products, including but not limited to e-cigarettes;
6. Consume, possess, distribute or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or possess dangerous devices or weapons;
7. Impede, delay, disrupt or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
8. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the school board;
9. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive; or
10. Violate other District policies or regulations, or an authorized District employee's directive.

Sex Offenders

The Lake Pend Oreille School District recognizes the danger sex offenders pose to student safety. Therefore, to protect students while they travel to and from school, attend school or at school-related activities, the District is implementing this policy.

Convicted Sex Offender

State law prohibits a person who is currently registered or is required to register under the sex offender registration act to:

1. Be on or remain on the premises of a school building or school grounds when the person believes children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present and are involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a school activity.
2. Loiter on a public way within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of school grounds or a school building when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present.
3. Be in any vehicle owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or school-related activities when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present in the vehicle.
4. Reside within five hundred (500) feet of a school, measured from the nearest point of the exterior wall of the offenders' dwelling unit to the school's property line, unless the person's residence was established prior to July 1, 2006.

The posted notices required in this section shall be at least one hundred (100) square inches, make reference to I.C. § 18-8329, include the term "registered sex offender" and be placed at commonly used entrances to the property.

Sample posted notice

"Pursuant to I.C. § 18-8329, registered sex offenders only have limited rights to enter upon or be near school property. Please contact the school district at _____ (telephone number) or your probation/parole officer for more information."

Provided, however, section numbers 1 and 2 immediately above shall not apply when the person:

- A. Is a student in attendance at the school; or
- B. Is attending an academic conference with school officials as a parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school and is participating in the conference; or
- C. Is attending a scheduled extracurricular school event with school officials as a parent or legal guardian of a child who is participating in the school event; or
- D. Resides at a state licensed or certified facility for incarceration, health care or convalescent care; or
- E. Is picking up a child or children or dropping off a child or children and the person is the child or children's parent or legal guardian;
- F. Is temporarily on school grounds, during school hours, for the purposes of making a delivery involving mail, food or other necessary delivery;
- G. Is exercising his or her right to vote in public elections;
- H. Is taking delivery of his mail through an official post office located on school grounds;
- I. Has written permission from a school principal, vice-principal, or the equivalent, to be on the school grounds or upon other property posted with a notice that the property is used by a school; or
- J. Stays at a homeless shelter or resides at a recovery facility if such shelter or facility has been approved for sex offenders by the county sheriff or municipal police chief.

Sex Offender Registry Notification

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall request notification of registered sex offenders in the same or contiguous zip codes as any school within the District. The request can be made of either the Idaho State Police, the local Sheriff's Department, or the Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such request and notification shall be made in accordance with Idaho Codes 18-8323 and 18-8324. The information in the sex offender registries is for purposes of protecting the public. It is not to be used for the purpose of harassing or intimidating anyone. See Idaho Code 18-8326.

Staff Notification

At a quarterly meeting, the building principal shall disseminate sex offender registry information received. The principal shall inform staff of the roles and responsibilities of

staff in dealing with instances of convicted sex offenders on school property, including, but not limited to, sex offenders on school property without approval, and/or if a staff member is the school official assigned to escort the sex offender.

When sex offender registry information is disseminated by the principal, it shall include a notice that such information should not be shared with others and may only be used for the purposes discussed in this policy and in accordance with Idaho Code 18-8326. Employees who share registry information with others may be disciplined.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school property. Any staff member shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

As circumstances warrant, the District's administrators shall take appropriate action to enforce this policy. Violations will be handled as follows:

- Anyone observing a parent/guardian or other person violating this policy shall immediately notify the building principal or designee. The principal or designee will request that the person act civilly or otherwise refrain from the prohibited conduct. If the person persists with uncivil or prohibited behavior, the principal shall request that the person immediately leave school property and may contact law enforcement, if appropriate.
- If a sex offender violates this policy, school officials shall immediately contact law enforcement.

Legal Reference:

IC § 18-8323	Public Access to Sexual Offender Registry Information
IC § 18-8324	Dissemination of Registry Information
IC § 18-8326	Penalties for Vigilantism or Other Misuse of Information
IC § 18-916	Abuse of School Teachers
IC § 33-512(11)	Governance of Schools

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