

**PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM** **GCDE**  
**COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**  
**CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY**

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**1. PURPOSE**

- A. The Board of Education is authorized by law (Utah Code 53A-3-402) to own and operate property, to make and enforce rules for the control and management of the district schools and to “do all other things necessary for the maintenance, prosperity, and success of the schools.” Although the Board is a public body, and district property is consequently publicly owned, district schools are not simply open to the public. The Board is able to regulate public access to schools and school property. The Utah Criminal Code defines certain sexual offenses against children, and the Utah Code of Criminal Procedure requires the Utah Department of Corrections to develop, operate, and maintain a registry of persons who have been convicted of those offenses.
  
- B. The Board of Education finds that conviction of a sexual offense against a child is unacceptable with unfettered access to school property and school children, regardless of whether sentences have been served or probations have ended. The purpose of this policy is to regulate the access of persons who have been convicted of sexual offenses against children to schools, school property and children.

**2. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Individuals who have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child shall not be allowed to volunteer in schools or for school activities, whether the contemplated volunteer service would be supervised or unsupervised.
  
- B. When a principal identifies a parent or legal guardian of a student in the school, or an individual whom the parent or legal guardian of a student has authorized to have access to the student at school, as a registered sex offender, the principal shall send the individual a copy of this policy and the district letter outlining the procedure for access to district property which will include the following:

*I have verified that you are on the state sex offender registry. I have enclosed a copy of the Uintah School District policy regarding convicted sex offenders on District property. Although we encourage your active participations in your child’s education, you will need to gain school administrative authorization prior to coming to the school campus. Once in the school, you are required to check in at the front office and to be with or within eyesight of school administrator or authorized designee at all times during the regular school day. Your attendance at public functions on District property outside of the regular school will be at the reasonable discretion and regulation of the principal. Failure to comply with the direction of this letter may result in a criminal charge of trespass.*

- C. Principals shall make reasonable efforts to allow convicted sex offenders to participate meaningfully in the education of their children. Those specific periods of time when the

sex offender must be present within a school in order to carry out necessary parental responsibilities as according Utah Code 77-27-21.7 Sex Offender Restrictions.

- D. As per state law, sex offender registry information is not to be publicized or used to harass or threaten sex offenders or members of their family.
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