

1 **Potomac Elementary**

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3 **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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5 Registered Sex Offenders

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7 The State of Montana has determined that perpetrators of certain sex crimes pose a continuing
8 threat to society as a whole even after completion of their criminal sentences. Recognizing that
9 the safety and welfare of students is of paramount importance, the Potomac School District
10 declares that, except in limited circumstances, Potomac School District should be off limits to
11 registered sex offenders.

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13 Employment

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15 Notwithstanding any other Board policy, individuals listed by the State of Montana as registered
16 sex offenders are ineligible for employment in any position within the Potomac School District.
17 However, the Principal shall have discretion consistent with other Board policies to recommend
18 an individual whose name has been expunged from the Sex Offender Registry.

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20 School Off Limits

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22 The District hereby declares that no registered sex offender whose victim was a minor may come
23 on, about, or within any District-owned buildings or property except as otherwise provided in
24 this policy. If the Principal becomes aware that such a sex offender is on, about, or within school
25 property, the Principal shall direct the sex offender to immediately leave the area. The Board
26 authorizes the Principal to request the assistance of the appropriate law enforcement authorities
27 to secure the removal of any registered sex offender from the area. If a registered sex offender
28 disregards the terms of this policy or the directives of the Principal, then the Principal is
29 authorized to confer with counsel and to pursue such criminal or civil action as may be necessary
30 to enforce compliance with this policy.

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32 This policy shall not be construed to impose any duty upon any Principal or any other employee
33 of the District to review the Sex Offender Registry or to screen individuals coming on or within
34 school property to ascertain whether they are on the Registry. This policy shall only apply when
35 the Principal is actually aware that the person in question is on the Sex Offender Registry and
36 that the offender's victim was a minor.

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38 The provisions of this policy prohibiting a registered sex offender from coming on, about, or
39 within school property shall not apply in the event that a sex offender's name should be
40 expunged from the Registry.

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42 Rights of Parents on the Sex Offender Registry

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44 In the event that a registered sex offender whose victim was a minor has a child attending the
45 District, the Principal shall be authorized to modify this policy's restrictions to permit the
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4 parent to drop off and pick up the child from school and to come onto campus to attend parent-
5 teacher conferences. However, the parent may not linger on or about school property before or
6 after dropping off his or her child, and the parent is prohibited from being in any part of the
7 school building except the main office.
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9 This policy does not impose a duty upon the Principal or any other employee of the District to
10 review the Sex Offender Registry and the school system's directory information to ascertain
11 whether a registered sex offender may have a child attending school in the District. The
12 provisions of this policy shall apply only if the Principal actually becomes aware that a parent of
13 a student at the school is a registered sex offender.
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15 To facilitate voluntary compliance with this policy, administrators are encouraged to speak with
16 any affected parents upon learning of their status as registered sex offenders to communicate the
17 restrictions of this policy. At all times, the Principal shall endeavor to protect the privacy of the
18 offender's child.
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20 In the event of a truly exceptional situation such as graduation, a parent on the Sex Offender
21 Registry may ask the Principal for a waiver of this policy to permit the parent to attend these
22 special events. It is the intent of the Board, however, that these special circumstances be truly
23 unusual and infrequent occurrences.
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27 Legal Reference: § 46-23-501, MCA Sexual or Violent Offender Registration Act
28 www.doj.mt.gov/svor/ Sexual or Violent Offender Registry
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30 Policy History:

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