



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA

Office of the Bishop

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Policy on the Presence of Registered Sex Offenders in Catholic Schools

A parent or legal guardian must disclose to the principal and parish pastor of an elementary school (or in the case of a high school, the principal and president) if he/she or any other person living in his/her home is listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry. An offender must meet with the principal and parish pastor (or high school president) to discuss restrictions made upon the offender prior to the offender being allowed on school property or participating in school events, no matter the event's location.

Any individual who is listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry is prohibited from volunteering with or being employed by the school.

An offender must be accompanied on school premises and at school events by an adult approved by the school, which may include a family member. This adult must be VIRTUS certified, meet the offender at an agreed upon location off the premises, supervise the offender at all times, and walk the offender off the premises. This adult must ensure that the offender does not interact alone with any children, other than the child(ren) with whom the offender lives.

An offender may be allowed to attend school events alone when children are not present (e.g. teacher conferences). This must be scheduled in advance by contacting the principal.

If an offender is the only person available to transport his/her child to and from school, the offender will have a restricted time and place to do so, must remain in his/her car, and must not communicate with any youth who is not his/her child.

Principals, pastors, and high school presidents will inform school staff, and parents with a student in the same grade of an offender's status.

Refusal or failure to abide by this policy will lead to any appropriate action being taken as determined by the school in its sole discretion, including, but not limited to, the offender not being allowed on school property or at school events, or the dismissal of the child from the school.

*In an effort to communicate the requirement of a registered sex offender to self-report, each Catholic School will add to the enrollment form the following:

"If you, your spouse, or any other person living in your home is listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, you are required to disclose that fact to the principal, parish pastor, (and in the case of a high school, the president) prior to the offender being allowed on school property or attending

any school events, no matter the event's location. Until the offender has met with the school principal, parish pastor, (and in the case of a high school, the president), the offender is not allowed on school property and is not allowed to attend school events, whether or not that event takes place on school property."

Decree of Promulgation

By my authority as Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, I promulgate this document as particular law for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, effective the date of my signature, all other diocesan statutes, policies and guidelines notwithstanding.

Given at Wichita, Kansas, this 25 day of May, 2017.



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