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## 1 <u>Registered Sex Offenders</u>

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

- 9 <u>Employment</u>
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Notwithstanding any other Board policy, individuals listed by the State of Montana as registered
 sex offenders are ineligible for employment in any position within the Jefferson High School
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- 16 <u>School Off Limits</u>
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18 The District hereby declares that no registered sex offender whose victim was a minor may

- come on, about, or within 1,000 feet of any District owned buildings or property except as
- 20 otherwise provided in this policy. If an administrator becomes aware that such a sex offender is
- on, about, or within 1,000 feet of school property, the administrator shall direct the sex offender
- to leave the area immediately. The School Board authorizes the administrator to request the
- assistance of the appropriate law enforcement authorities to secure the removal of any registered
- sex offender from the area. If a registered sex offender disregards the terms of this policy or the
- directives of the school administrator, then the Superintendent is authorized to confer with
- counsel and to pursue such criminal or civil action as may be necessary to enforce compliancewith this policy.
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- 29 This policy shall not be construed to impose any duty upon any administrator or any other
- 30 employee of the District to review the Sex Offender Registry or to screen individuals coming on,
- or within 1,000 feet of school property to ascertain whether they are on the Registry. This policy
- 32 shall only apply when administrators are actually aware that the person is question is on the Sex
- 33 Offender Registry and that the offender's victim was a minor.
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- 35 The provisions of this policy prohibiting a registered sex offender from coming on, about, or
- within 1,000 feet of school property shall not apply in the event that a sex offender's name
  should be expunded from the Registry.
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- 39 <u>Rights of Parents on the Sex Offender Registry</u>
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- In the event that a registered sex offender whose victim was a minor has child attending the
- 42 District, the administrator of the school where the child attends shall be authorized to modify this
- 43 policy's restrictions to permit the parent to drop off and pick up the child from school and to

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