

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL ACCESS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN WHO IS A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER**

The intent of this policy is to protect our students from the presence of a convicted sexual offender, as well as to allow a parent who is so labeled the opportunity to be a part of his or her child's school experience to the extent possible.

The information below is based on the New York State Division of Criminal Justice.

- Level 1 Offender: Low risk of repeat offense
- Level 2 Offender: Moderate risk of repeat offense
- Level 3 Offender: High risk of repeat offense

If a registered sex offender attends or has a family member attending the school or child care facility, the supervising agency and chief administrator of the facility can grant authorization to enter school grounds or the child care facility for specific purposes as long as it does not violate terms and conditions of registered sex offenders' parole or probation, as applicable.

Source: [http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nsor\\_faq.pdf](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nsor_faq.pdf)

In those instances when the parent of a WSWHE BOCES student is a registered sex offender, the following guidelines will be applied:

1. The building principal, the Director for Special and Alternative Education or the Director of Career and Technical Education meet with local law enforcement authorities to determine the Offender Status as well as the nature of the crime committed.
  - a. Any Level 3 Offender or person who has committed a crime against young children will not be permitted on school grounds, regardless of his or her relation to a student.
2. The registered parent will meet with the building principal prior to the child attending school and prior to attending any school event;
3. The registered parent is not allowed to be on school grounds at any other time; and
4. The registered parent is entitled to attend school events, but must report to the adult supervisor for the event to inform that person of his or her presence.

Evening Events

1. If it is appropriate to provide separate seating or other arrangements, this adult supervisor will so inform the parent.

School Day Events

1. The registered parent will report to the office immediately upon entering the school and sign in. He or she will remain there.
2. If the parent needs to visit the classroom, he or she will be escorted to and from that room.
3. If the registered parent is picking up his or her child from school, the student will be asked to report to the office.

Field Trips

1. The registered parent is not entitled to act as a chaperone or to attend field trips.