

## **NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE**

SECTION: **ADMINISTRATION** TITLE: **REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS** DATE: NOVEMBER 2020 SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL:

Recognizing that the safety and welfare of students is of paramount importance in Nebo School District, and because perpetrators of certain sex crimes pose a continuing threat to society as a whole during and after completion of their criminal sentences, the Office of Administration of Nebo School District hereby issues the following Administrative Directive:

UTAH CODE ANN., §77-41 requires the Utah Department of Corrections (the "Department") to develop, operate, and maintain a registry of persons who have been convicted of certain sex offenses. This statute also mandates the Department to disseminate to the public all information in the Sex Offender Registry. The "Official State of Utah Sex Offender Registry" can be found at the following website:

## http://www.communitynotification.com/cap\_office\_disclaimer.php?office=54438

All persons should have a legitimate and valid purpose to be in school buildings or on school grounds. The same is especially true for any individual who is currently listed on the "Official State of Utah Sex Offender Registry." Generally, such individuals are not to be allowed in the building or on the grounds at any Nebo School District school, except as otherwise provided herein or under limited and special circumstances. If a principal becomes aware that a registered sex offender is on school property with no legitimate school-related purpose, the principal shall direct the registered sex offender to leave the school property immediately. If necessary, the principal may request the assistance of appropriate law enforcement authorities to secure the removal of the individual from the school property. Individuals who refuse to leave or come onto school property after being notified by the principal may be guilty of criminal trespass, a Class B misdemeanor (UTAH CODE ANN., §53G-8-603). Additionally, it is a Class A misdemeanor for sex offenders to be in a public school on foot or in a vehicle unless they are engaged in necessary parental responsibilities or they are on school property for a public activity not involving persons younger than 18 years of age such as voting (UTAH CODE ANN. §77-27-21.7). Serious or on-going concerns with a registered sex offender should be reported to your Director and Legal Counsel to determine whether any criminal or civil action may be necessary.

In the event that a registered sex offender is also a parent/legal guardian of a child attending school in Nebo School District, the principal of the school where the child attends is authorized to allow the parent/legal guardian limited and restricted access to the school campus to permit the parent/legal guardian: (a) to drop-off and pick-up their child from school; (b) to attend parent-teacher conferences and other school meetings; and (c) to perform their duties for purposes related to their child's education. Such parents/legal guardians are not to linger on or about the school campus before or after dropping off their child, or while attending parent-teacher conferences or other school meetings. Under appropriate situations, the principal may assign a school employee to escort the parent/legal guardian while on the school campus. Parents/legal guardians who are registered sex offenders shall not be permitted to participate in school field trips or other school-related activities and events which would involve supervision responsibilities or direct access to students. However, such parents/legal guardians would generally be permitted to attend athletic events, graduation ceremonies, school plays and productions, and other school-related activities and events that are open to parents and the general public. The limitations and restrictions to be imposed are at the discretion of the principal.

In the event that a principal is hiring or assigning an athletic coach, manager, or trainer for any sports team composed of a minor who is less than 18 years old, a registered sex offender is prohibited by law to serve in any of those capacities (UTAH CODE ANN. §77-27-21.7).

Principals are encouraged to speak with any affected parents/legal guardians upon learning of their status as registered sex offenders to communicate any limitations and restrictions in accordance with this directive. At all times the principal shall endeavor to protect the privacy of the registered sex offender and their child, and any communications concerning these matters should be only to those school personnel and individuals who have a need to know.

This directive shall not be construed to impose any duty upon any principal or any other employee of Nebo School District to review the Sex Offender Registry or to screen individuals coming on school property to ascertain whether they are listed on the Sex Offender Registry. This directive shall apply only when principals are actually aware that the individual in question is listed on Sex Offender Registry. In addition, this directive does not impose a duty upon the principal of any school or any other employee of Nebo School District to review the Sex Offender Registry to ascertain whether a registered sex offender may have a child in the Nebo School District school system. The provisions of this directive shall apply only if a principal actually becomes aware that a parent/legal guardian of a child attending the principal's school is a registered sex offender.