

## AMHERST Policy

### **JLIF – REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER/OFFENDER AGAINST CHILDREN POLICY**

It is the intent of the board to protect students from harm from Registered Sex Offenders/ Offenders Against Children while under care of the school district. To achieve this purpose, the board authorizes and directs the Superintendent to:

1. Provide a standing written request to the Amherst Police Department pursuant to RSA 651-B:7 IV that the list of registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children residing or relocating in Amherst be made available to the Superintendent as soon as it is received by the police department.
2. As soon as possible after notification that a Registered Sex Offender/Offender Against Children has moved into the district, meet with the police chief to determine what steps, in addition to the ones required by this policy are advisable to protect the District's students, or specific students, under the particular circumstances presented.
3. To take, without further action of the Board, any measures which do not require Board approval identified through the process in the previous paragraph or deemed advisable by the Superintendent.
4. As soon as possible after notification that a Registered Sex Offender/Offender Against Children has moved into the district, send a "no trespass" letter to such offender stating that he/she may no longer enter the school grounds or building without the written consent of the Superintendent except to attend the meetings which are required to be open public meetings under the New Hampshire Right-To-Know Law.
5. Establish a confidential file in the central office containing any information which has been provided by the police chief, information from the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website, plus a photograph, if available, of any such offender who is residing in the district. Access to this file shall be limited to the principal of the school, the Superintendent and other individuals determined by the principal and/or Superintendent to have a need to know.
6. Post a notice in the teacher's staff room at each school when a Registered Sex Offender/Offender Against Children has moved into the district and the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website has been updated to reflect this information. This notice will give the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website address, and request that school district employees familiarize themselves with Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children residing within the district.
7. Notify the bus company when a Registered Sex Offender/Offender Against Children has moved into the district and the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website has been updated to reflect this information. This notice will give the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website address, and request that school district bus drivers familiarize themselves with Registered Sex Offenders/Offender

Against Children residing within the district. The dispatcher will be asked to provide verification that information was disseminated.

8. The Superintendent and building principals, or their designees, will notify school district personnel as listed in JIL-R Student Safety Procedures after receipt of notification, not to exceed 2 school days, that a Registered Sex Offender/Offender Against Children has moved into the district and the New Hampshire Registered Sex Offenders/Offenders Against Children website has been updated to reflect this information.
9. Review, revise as necessary, and maintain a K-8 health curriculum that addresses student safety issues and how children can best protect themselves.

Legal References:

*RSA 651-b:7, Registration of Criminal Offenders*

*RSA 169-C, Child Protection Act*

*RSA 169-C:29, Persons Required to Report*

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