

District Notification of Juvenile Offenders

A court will notify the common school in which a student is enrolled if the student has been convicted, adjudicated, or entered into a diversion agreement for any of the following offenses: a violent offense, a sex offense, a firearms offense, inhaling toxic fumes, a drug offense, liquor offense, assault, kidnapping, harassment, stalking or arson. The principal must inform any teacher of the student and any other personnel who should be aware of the information. The information may not be further disseminated.

A student convicted, adjudicated, or entering into a diversion agreement for an assault, kidnapping, harassment, stalking, or arson against a teacher shall not be assigned to that teacher's classroom during the duration of the student's attendance at that school or any school to which the teacher is assigned. Neither shall the student be assigned to a classroom where another student who was his or her victim for the offense is enrolled.

The state department of social and health services will notify the District in writing at least thirty (30) days before a juvenile convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense or stalking is discharged, paroled, given authorized leave or otherwise released to reside in the district. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) assists with ensuring that juvenile sex offenders, committed to Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA), do not enroll in the same school as their victim or victims' siblings. If there is a conflict in schools, DSHS program staff will work with JRA to have the offender moved to another school.

A community residential facility to which an adjudicated juvenile is transferred shall provide written notice of the offender's criminal history to the district if the juvenile is attending school in the district while residing at the community residential facility.

Convicted juvenile sex offenders shall not attend a school attended by their adjudicated victims or a victim's sibling. The offender and his or her parent or guardian shall be responsible for providing transportation or covering other costs related to the offender's attendance at another school.

Cross References:

Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Policy 3140	Inter-District Transfers - Resident Students
Policy 4315	Release of Information Regarding Sexual Offenders

Legal References:

RCW 13.04.155	Notification to school principal of conviction, adjudication, or diversion agreement-provision of information to teachers and other personnel — Confidentiality
RCW 13.40.215	Juveniles found to have committed violent or sex offense or stalking — Notification of discharge, parole, leave release, transfer, or escape — To whom given — Definitions
RCW 28A.600.460	Classroom discipline--policies--classroom placement of student offenders — data on disciplinary actions

Management Resources:

Policy News, August 1997 Legislature addresses student discipline
Policy News, June 1999 School Safety Bills Impact Policy

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