

SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: MEGAN'S LAW

ADOPTED: May 12, 2008

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9795.1 et seq</p> <p>42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9795.1 et seq</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">806.1. MEGAN'S LAW</p> <p>It is the objective of the Seneca Valley School District to provide a safe environment for district students and staff. To this end, this policy is promulgated to address the dissemination of public information regarding sexually violent predators located within and the responsibilities of employees when a sexually violent predator is present in the vicinity of students.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, a sexually violent predator is a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense and who has been determined to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, as someone likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, a registered offender is a person who is required to register with the Pennsylvania State Police for having been criminally convicted of offenses enumerated in Megan's Law. Identifying information concerning registered offenders is publicly published by an Internet website maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police.</p> <p><u>Notification Of Sexually Violent Predator</u></p> <p>Upon receipt of notification from the law enforcement officers of any of the constituent municipalities of the school district that a sexually violent predator has assumed residence within the school district, the Superintendent shall disseminate the information received to all staff members whose duties include the supervision of or responsibility for students. Those individuals so notified shall include administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, security officials, crossing guards, groundskeepers, bus drivers, and any other staff involved with the supervision or management of students in any way.</p> <p>Individuals whose duties include the supervision of or responsibility for students, shall promptly notify the principal or, in his/her absence, the assistant principal or other building administrator, if an identified sexually violent predator is observed on school grounds, at or near designated bus stops or in the vicinity of any school-sponsored activity. The principal or other administrator shall promptly notify the</p>
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local law enforcement agency if the presence of the sexually violent predator appears to be without a legitimate purpose or otherwise creates a concern for the safety of the students.

The principal or other administrator shall comply with any additional actions recommended by the local law enforcement official with regard to the sexually violent predator to immediately address the safety of students in such situation.

Following such contact of the local law enforcement official and after taking such steps as are necessary to immediately address the situation, the principal or other administrator shall notify the Superintendent of such actions.

Copies of the notifications received from local law enforcement should be maintained by the building principal and by the Superintendent or designee and made accessible to teachers and staff for the discharge of their responsibilities, but should not be posted on school bulletin boards or disseminated to students or members of the community at large.

Attendance At School Activities

Unless limited by the terms and conditions of their probation or parole, a parent/guardian who is a registered offender shall be allowed to attend parent-teacher conferences or any other school activity to which a parent/guardian generally is permitted to attend and that is supervised by school district personnel.

Registered offenders and sexually violent predators shall not be approved by building principals to serve as chaperones or volunteers to assist in school activities. Before approving persons to serve as chaperones or volunteers, the building principal shall be responsible for reviewing the Pennsylvania State Police Internet registry to identify whether persons proposed as chaperones or volunteers are registered offenders or sexually violent predators.

References:

Megan's Law – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9791 et seq.

Guidelines For Administration Of Megan's Law – 37 PA Code Sec. 56.1 et seq.