

Patrick County Public Schools
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION
Public Notice

The Patrick County school division recognizes the danger sex offenders pose to student safety. Therefore, to protect students while they travel to and from school, attend school or are at school-related activities, the Patrick County school division shall request automatic electronic notification of the registered sex offenders in the same or contiguous zip codes as any school within the division. Such request and notification shall be made according to the procedures established by the Virginia Department of State Police and by the Code of Virginia. The Superintendent and each school principal shall serve as the contact people with the State Police for receipt of the registered sex offender information.

Once notified that a registered sex offender resides in the same or contiguous zip codes as a school within the division, all school principals shall determine which school employees should be provided the registry information. Sex offender registry information should be provided to employees who are most likely to observe unauthorized persons on or near school property.

When registry information is disseminated, it shall include a notice that such information should not be shared with others and may only be used for the purposed discussed below. Employees who share registry information with others may be disciplined.

Registry Information shall only be used for the purposes of the administration of law enforcement, screening current or prospective school division employees or volunteers and for the protection of school division students and employees during school hours and at after-school sponsored events. Registry information shall not be used to intimidate or harass others.

Requests for Registry Information

Anyone wishing to obtain registry information may consult the Virginia State Police website at <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/index.htm>