**Title**: **1300** **Megan’s Law**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Authority   42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9791 et seq   1. Delegation of Responsibility Title 37   Sec. 56.4  42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9798  Title 37  Sec. 56.4  Title 37  Sec. 56.4  Title 37  Sec. 56.4   1. Guidelines | **1300 Megan’s Law**  It is the policy of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to protect the safety and general welfare of students and staff of the Diocese. In accordance with this policy, all employees are required to comply with the provisions of Megan’s Law and its regulations.  These guidelines are intended to be in compliance with Pennsylvania’s Megan’s Law and its regulations and include informing staff of Megan’s Law communications received from local law enforcement agencies and the appropriate measures to be taken in the event of a “sexually violent predator” as identified by Megan’s Law.  Upon receipt of notification from the chief law enforcement officer of the community regarding the name and residence of a sexually violent predator, the Director of Education shall disseminate the information received to school administration and other designated employees, whose duties include the supervision of responsibility for students.  Individuals whose duties include the supervision of or responsibility for students, shall promptly notify the principal or other designated official if an identified sexually violent predator is observed in the vicinity of the school property.  The principal or other designated official shall promptly notify the local law enforcement agency if the presence of a 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 designated official shall comply with any additional steps recommended by the local law enforcement agency with regard to the sexually violent predator.  Staff receiving information regarding a sexually violent predator shall not disseminate information about the predator to anyone outside the school. If inquiries are made to the staff, the inquiry shall be referred to the local law enforcement agency.  Copies of the notification from law enforcement should be kept in a secure place accessible to teachers and staff, but should not be posted on school bulletin boards or made available to students or members of the community at large.  Unless restricted by the terms of their probation or parole, a parent or guardian who is a registered sexual predator may attend parent-teacher conferences or other school activities involving their child, provided they notify the principal in advance so that proper arrangements can be made for direct supervision by a school-appointed professional.  Each principal or her/his designee will maintain a list of all chaperones and volunteers approved to supervise or work with the students in her/his building. In addition, each principal will maintain a list of all sexual predators as identified by local law enforcement. When a new chaperone or volunteers is approved or a sexual predator is identified, the principal or her/his designee must update and compare the lists. If the individual is discovered on both lists, the principal will immediately notify the Director of Education and inform the individual that s/he is not able to serve as a volunteer or chaperone for the school.  References:  Administration of Megan’s Law – 37 PA Code Sec. 564  Registration of Sexual Offenders – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 9791 et seq. |