Sexual Offenders Identification Policy

Manhattan School of Music, in compliance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, makes the following information available to the university community in order to afford the community with the opportunity to be aware of the condition of their environment concerning known sex offenders. This information is not to be used in any other fashion or for any other purpose. The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act description is listed below.

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, CSCPA, supplemented the Wetterling Act’s general standards for sex offender registration and community notification programs by enacting provisions which are more specifically designed to ensure that the members of campus communities have information available concerning the presence of registered sex offenders.

Manhattan School of Music will work with the 26th Precinct New York City Police Department to appropriately deal with situations related to registered sex offenders. Information about registered sex offenders can be obtained by the computer network address listed below.

- The link regarding student notification of registered sex offenders is:
- New York State’s website for registered sex offenders is:
  http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/

This site contains the New York State Sex Offender Registry information center. The following information is quoted from the site.

“The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York’s version of Megan’s Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C (Section 168 et seq.)

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the risk of reoffense. A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 (low risk), 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high risk). The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or predicate sex offender. Sex offenders registered on or after March 11, 2002 register for a minimum of 10 years unless they have been given a designation. If they have been given a designation, they register for life. Level 1 and 2 sex offenders registered prior to March 11, 2002 register for 10 years while level 3 offenders register for life.

There are 4 ways to obtain information about sex offenders in New York State:

1. You can call 1-800-262-3257 to determine if someone is on the Registry. You will need the name of the offender and one of the following: an exact address, a complete date of birth, a driver’s license number or a social security number.

2. You can access the Subdirectory of Level 3 Sex Offenders on the website by clicking on the “Search for Level 3 Sex Offenders” button. You can search for level 3 offenders by name, county or zip code. Please note that a federal court injunction
Currently prohibits the release of information on this website concerning sex offenders who committed their crime prior to January 21, 1996 and were assigned a risk level prior to January 1, 2000.

3. The local law enforcement agency in the area that the offender currently resides can, if it chooses, release information on sex offenders residing in the community to “entities with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense”. The law enforcement agency can only release information on level 2 and level 3 offenders through this method. Also, while the exact address of level 3 offenders can be provided, the law provides that only an approximate address based on zip code can be provided for level 2 offenders. Please note that a federal court injunction currently prohibits the release of information through this method concerning sex offenders who committed their crime prior to January 21, 1996 and were assigned a risk level prior to January 1, 2000.

4. Each local law enforcement agency receives from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services a copy (electronically or on a CD ROM) of the Subdirectory of Level 3 Sex Offenders which is maintained on this site. Local law enforcement is required to maintain the Subdirectory for the public to view upon request.”

(Information provided by: NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, 2004).

Registered sex offenders must identify themselves to the Human Relations and Administration Office, the Admissions Office, Dean of Students Office, and the 26th Precinct before visiting any Manhattan School of Music institutional events or buildings. In addition, anyone applying for enrollment or a position on campus must self identify as a sex offender and register with all the appropriate and required authorities including the 26th precinct and Manhattan School of Music.

The FERPA amendment makes it clear that FERPA does not prevent educational institutions from disclosing information about registered sex offenders enrollment or employment at institutions of higher education.