
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING

School District employees and school-affiliated volunteers are required to immediately report suspected child abuse and neglect to the appropriate authorities and/or to the Principal or designee of the school in which the student is enrolled.

“Any child under 18 years of age who is believed to have had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him or her, other than by accidental means, by a parent or caretaker or has been neglected or exploited by a parent or caretaker or has been sexually assaulted shall be identified to a child welfare agency providing protective services where the child lives and having been designated to the county’s Department of Family and Children Services by state law and the Georgia Department of Human Resources.”

In order to meet legal responsibilities, reports of suspected child abuse and neglect are to be made in good faith, and the education of School District personnel and school-affiliated volunteers in the identification of child abuse and neglect shall rest with the School District. This reporting is legal under Section 99.31(a)(5) and 99.36 of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and does not constitute a violation if the disclosure is to appropriate parties in connection with the a health or safety emergency and knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or others.

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