

## CHILD ABUSE IN AN EDUCATIONAL SETTING

The Board of Education recognizes that children have the right to an educational setting that does not threaten their physical and emotional health and development. Child abuse by school personnel and school volunteers violates this right and therefore is strictly prohibited.

Employees of the district shall comply with Article 23-B of the Education Law as it relates to the identification, reporting and support for actual and/or suspected abuse of any of the district's students in an educational setting. Employees shall include, but not be limited to, district administrators (to include principals and assistant principals), teachers, nurses, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, and other school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate.

Reports of child abuse by district staff or volunteers are to be reported promptly to the Principal or Superintendent of the school in which the child abuse allegedly occurred. The report must be filed in writing on a State Education Department form supplied by the district.

Where there is reasonable suspicion to believe that child abuse in an educational setting has occurred, the Principal or Superintendent receiving such report shall provide notification and refer the report to law enforcement and others as required by law.

Ref: Education Law §§1125-1133  
8 NYCRR § 100.2(hh) (Reporting of Child Abuse in an Educational Setting)

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