



Section OPERATIONS

Title CHILD ABUSE

LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adopted

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Lackawanna Trail School District

1308. CHILD ABUSE

1. Purpose

The Board is concerned with the physical and mental well-being of pupils and directs that **the district will cooperate in the identification and reporting of cases of child abuse** in accordance with law. (P.G. 209)

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2. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop procedures **for compliance with the statutory requirements that instances of child abuse be reported.** Such procedures shall:

inform all staff members having contact **with students of their responsibility to report all cases of abuse, abandonment, cruelty, or neglect resulting in physical or mental injury by other than accidental means**

designated reporters shall report suspected instances of child abuse to the appropriate Children and Youth and Child-line Agency.

require prompt attention to such injuries as result from abuse as to protect the health of the child

3. Procedures

Procedures that should be followed in reporting child abuse under Pennsylvania law:

1. School personnel gets disclosure.
2. Maintain confidentiality of child's disclosure.

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- 3. **Report to designated reporter.**
- 4. **Inform building principal about the report.**
- 5. **Make reports to Childline and local Children and Youth agencies.**
- 6. **Fill out CY-47 and sent to Children and Youth agency within 48 hours.**
- 7. **Follow up with school personnel and Children and Youth agency.**

Procedures between school and Victim's Resource Center (Child Safety Program):

- 1. **During presentation "Red Flag" occurs with student.**
- 2. **Presenter will arrange to follow up with child.**
- 3. **If disclosures occur at that time, presenter will contact designated reporter.**
- 4. **Maintain confidentiality of child's disclosure.**
- 5. **Inform building principal about the report.**
- 6. **Designated reporter and presenter will contact Childline and Children and Youth.**
- 7. **Designated reporter will fill out CY-47 and send to Children and Youth within 48 hours.**
- 8. **Follow up with school personnel and Children and Youth.**

The Superintendent shall also establish procedures for securing background checks for prospective employees.

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