

<b>POLICY</b>	2008	7620
	<b>Students</b>	

**Subject: Child Abuse and Neglect**

As defined by State Law, child abuse or neglect is the injury, sexual abuse, or negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child (any person under the age of 18) by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare and safety is harmed.

School officials must make a report to child protective services when they have reasonable cause to suspect a student is abused or maltreated. If the person who suspects abuse or maltreatment is a school staff member, he or she must make the report and notify the school principal immediately.

Professional school personnel shall include, but not be limited to teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses.

Nothing in this policy is intended to relieve individuals of their obligations to report suspected child abuse or neglect on their own behalf unless a report has already been made or will be made.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations for reporting methods.

Social Services Law Section 413  
 New York State Child Protective  
 Services Act of 1973  
 Family Court Act Section 1012

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