

CHERRY HILL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5141.4

CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, CRUELTY AND NEGLECT

The Cherry Hill Board of Education believes that the physical and mental well-being of all children in its charge must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement through the formal educational process. The school district personnel will cooperate with the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) in identifying, immediate reporting and investigation of all suspected cases of child abuse, abandonment, cruelty and neglect.

The Board of Education directs the superintendent to develop and implement procedures for compliance with statutory requirements pertaining to suspected child abuse and neglect.

The superintendent shall require all the employees, including volunteers, to receive child abuse and neglect in-service training annually (N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10 et.seq.) This training shall be relative to identifying and reporting allegations of child abuse to DYFS as well as cooperation with the investigative process conducted by DYFS. Additionally, the employees shall be made aware of their rights and responsibilities according to law and code. The board affirms that no employee or volunteer will be discharged from employment or otherwise discriminated against for making a good faith report of child abuse or neglect. This policy and the procedures are to be posted on the bulletin board of every building and discussed with staff.

The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the County superintendent.

Parents shall be informed in writing of this policy and the procedures when their child enters preschool, elementary school, middle school, and senior high school as well as when any changes in policies or regulations occur.

Formerly Policy JGFA:

Related Procedures: C-3

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 et. seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-10, -11, -13, -18.1, -30, 30.1

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-1

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6, -7

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-25

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