

## **CHAPTER 3.00 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

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### **CHILD ABUSE**

#### **POLICY:**

- (1) The Board will work together with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Department of Law Enforcement and any other appropriate agency in developing ways to inform and instruct school district personnel in the detection of child abuse and neglect and in the proper action that should be taken in a suspected case of child abuse or neglect.
- (2) Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect – Any person including but not limited to school teachers, other school officials or personnel who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is an abused or neglected child shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Department of Children and Families.
  - (a) Each report of suspected or known child abuse or neglect shall be made immediately to the child abuse registry on the single state-wide toll free telephone (1-800-962-2873) or directly to the local office of the Florida Department of Children and Families responsible for investigation of reports.
- (3) Notwithstanding any of the above, any person may report known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect on the state-wide toll free telephone number as provided by law.
- (4) A school instructional staff member who is known by the child may be present during the initial interview of a child protective or criminal investigation when the interview is conducted at school under either or both of the following conditions:
  - (a) Florida Department of Children and Families or the law enforcement agency believes the presence of the staff member could enhance the success of the interview.
  - (b) The child request or consents to the staff member's presence at the interview.

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