

## **Policy Information**

### **Series 6000 - Students**

#### **Child Abuse and Neglect**

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## **POLICY**

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Students

### **SUBJECT: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

The Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming BOCES subscribes to all of the provisions of Title 6 - Child Protective Services of the Social Services Law (Sections 411-428). Our purpose is to provide protective services to abused and maltreated children as described by the law, and to make all school personnel within the BOCES aware of our legal responsibilities under this law.

Regulations shall be developed, maintained and disseminated by administration regarding the:

- a. Mandatory reporting of child abuse/neglect;
- b. Reporting procedures and obligations of persons required to report; c)Provisions for taking a child into protective custody;
- c. Mandatory reporting of deaths;
- d. Immunity from liability and penalties for failure to report; and
- e. Obligations for provision of services and procedures necessary to safeguard the life of a child.

Child Protective Service (CPS) workers may interview on school property any pupil about whom an initial report of suspected abuse or maltreatment has been made. A school official will be present during the interview unless the school official and the CPS worker agree that the presence of the school official is not essential to protect the interests of the pupil and that the absence of the school official may increase the likelihood that the CPS worker can accomplish the purposes of the interview.

Additionally, an ongoing training program for all professional staff shall be established and implemented to enable such staff to carry out their reporting responsibilities.

Social Services Law, Sections 411-428  
Family Court Act, Section 1012  
Education Law, Section 3209(a)

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