

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION

5152

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

- I. Nevada statutes define child abuse and neglect as “physical or mental injury of a non-accidental nature, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation, or negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 years” by a person who is responsible for the child’s welfare “under circumstances which indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm.”
- II. Nevada statutes require school administrators, teachers, librarians, counselors, nurses, and many others to contact an agency that provides child welfare services (i.e., the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline [702-399-0081]) or to contact law enforcement agencies to report any suspected case of child abuse or neglect within 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe abuse or neglect has occurred. Immunity from civil or criminal liability is provided under the law to those making such reports.
- III. School personnel do not have responsibility or authority for determining whether protective care is needed. Cases must be referred as set forth in Section II.
- IV. Administrators and school personnel shall not notify parents or guardians of protective referrals regarding suspected abuse or neglect involving instances of substantial physical or mental harm which may have occurred at home. In such cases, inquiries shall be referred to the investigating agency.
- V. The Education Services Division is responsible for developing and implementing procedures for the responsibilities of school personnel regarding child abuse or neglect in accordance with Board of School Trustees policy and Nevada statutes.
- VI. Student Over Eighteen Years

In the event a student over the age of eighteen years reports a home condition that may require protective care, the student should be helped to contact a law enforcement agency for advice, if requested, and should be informed that the student may go in person to the Clark County General Assistance Service to request financial assistance.

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