

PERSONNELGENERAL PERSONNEL – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

A Regional Office of Education employee who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be an abused or neglected child shall, in accordance with statute, report such case to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Traditional considerations of confidentiality shall not constitute grounds for failure to report such cases mandated by statutory duty.

The employee should notify the Regional Superintendent or his/her supervisor that a report has been made to DCFS. The Regional Superintendent or any other school administrator may not, in any instance, change any report of child abuse or neglect made by an employee to DCFS or make any attempt to interfere in the making of a report to DCFS.

Employees (who work directly with students) beginning ROE employment on or after July 1, 1986, shall sign a statement indicating that he/she has knowledge and understanding of the reporting requirements of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The Regional Superintendent shall provide the employee with the form and implement a procedure for the form to be signed and placed in the employee's personnel record on or before the first day of employment.

LEG. REF. Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 22, para. 2051 et seq.

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