

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: CHILD/STUDENT ABUSE

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

<p>1. Authority 23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">806. CHILD/STUDENT ABUSE</p> <p>The Board adopts this policy to affirm District employees' obligation to assist in identifying possible child abuse as well as victimization of students by school employees and others, and to establish procedures for reporting such incidents or suspected incidents in compliance with the Child Protective Services Law of 1990 and its amendments.</p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:</p> <p>“Volunteers” means any volunteer involved with the District in any capacity including, but not limited to volunteers involved with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) District educational programs including field trips;</li> <li>2) District sponsored co-curricular activities, extracurricular activities or clubs;</li> <li>3) District administration such as clerical work on behalf of schools; and</li> <li>4) Activities sponsored or promoted by District schools including classroom events.</li> </ol> <p>“Regular volunteers” means Volunteers who have direct contact with students or have access to confidential student information and includes volunteer coaches, activity advisors, clerical volunteers, and all regularly scheduled volunteers.</p> <p>“Direct contact with students” means either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the possibility of unsupervised care, supervision, guidance or control of children, or</li> <li>2) routine interaction with students.</li> </ol> <p>“Unsupervised” means not in the vicinity of a permanent employee.</p> <p>“Designated Volunteers” means</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. all Regular Volunteers;</li> </ol>
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<p>2. Delegation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. all Volunteers accompanying students on school-sponsored field trips, events or other activities that include at least one overnight stay, and</li><li>3. all Volunteers accompanying students on school-sponsored field trips, events or other activities which do not include an overnight stay where the Volunteer is not an adult member of the household of a student involved in the field trip, event or activity for which they are volunteering.</li></ol> <p>The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations and/or procedures that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. define child abuse and provide explicit direction for identification and reporting of child abuse by District personnel as required by law; and</li><li>2. provide for child abuse clearance checks for all applicable District employees and contractors and for all Designated Volunteers, at their expense.</li></ol>
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