

CHILD ABUSE, MALTREATMENT OR NEGLECT IN A DOMESTIC SETTING

Required

Local

Notice

The Board of Education recognizes that because of their sustained contact with

abuse or maltreatment are encouraged to report to the Central Register. However,

the school employee must report the matter to the Building Principal. If the matter has not yet been reported to the Central Register, the Building Principal

must make the report, in accordance with state law. In being required to file such report, the Building Principal does not have discretion.

School employees or officials may not contact the child's family or any other person to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or maltreatment. It is not

investigations. Such data and assistance include access to records relevant to the investigation, as well as interviews with...

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Cross-ref:

5100, Student Attendance

Ref:

Child Protective Services Act of 1973, Social Services Law §§411 et seq.

Social Services Law §34-a

Family Court Act §1012

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, 45 CFR §99.36

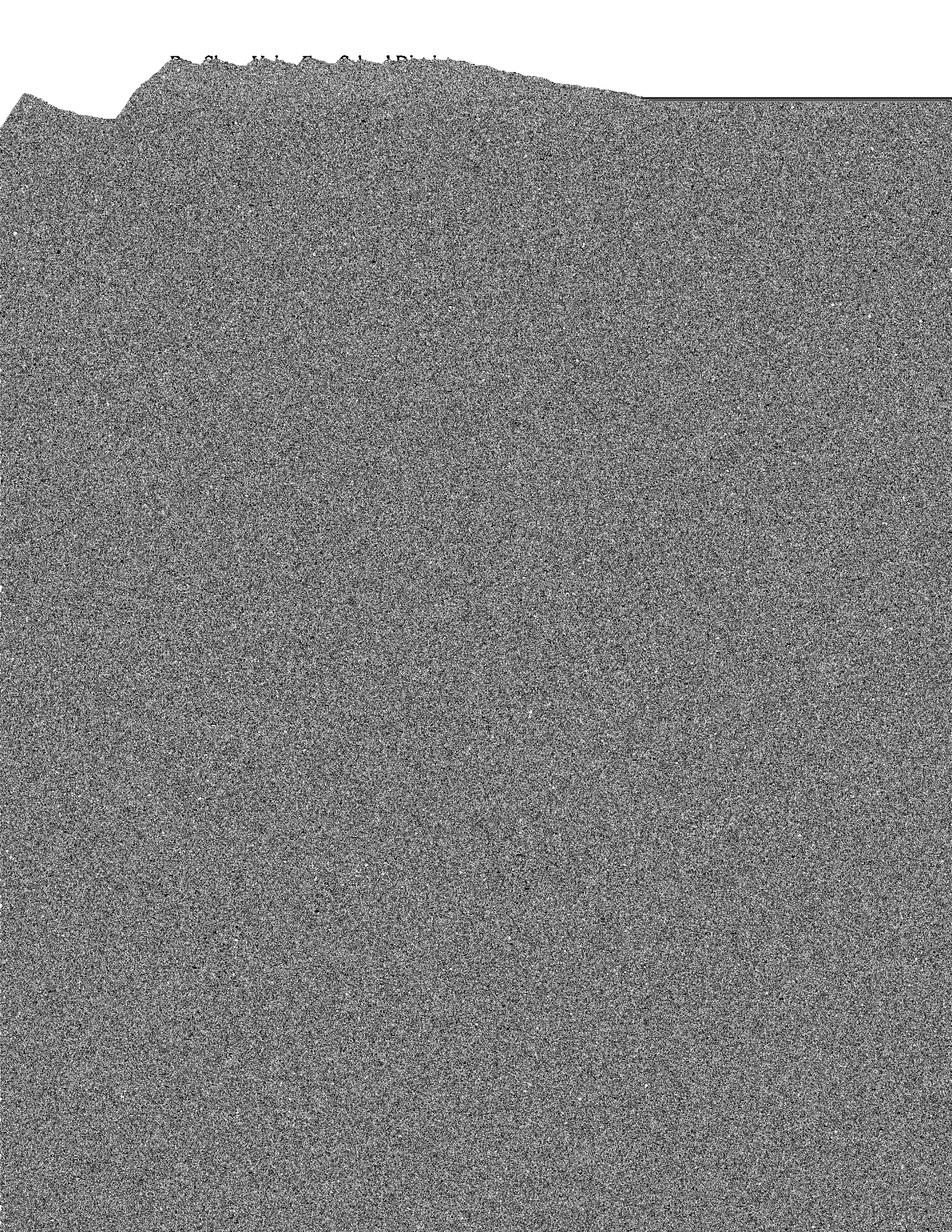
Education Law §§409-l; 3209-a, 3036

Penal Law 240.50

18 NYCRR §432.3

8 NYCRR §100.2(nn)

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The school official will examine and verify the credentials of Child Protective Services worker(s) before allowing such worker(s) to either interview the child or to examine the child's records. If sexual abuse is indicated, the presence of a same gender worker(s) is appropriate.

8. The Building Principal will request a summary report of the investigation of a case referred to Child Protective Services and determine the appropriate next steps.
9. The district will maintain an ongoing training program for identification (i.e., signs and indicators) and reporting of child abuse, maltreatment, and neglect. Attendance at sessions of this training program is required of all school officials.
10. Employees will include a copy of these regulations and the related District policies in their employee handbooks.
11. Only one report of any suspected abuse is required.
12. School personnel who, in good faith, make a report or take protective actions to prevent or minimize further injury to a child, shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal. The good faith of any person required to report cases of child abuse or maltreatment shall not be a defense to any civil or criminal liability.
13. School personnel who have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has died as a result of child abuse or maltreatment must report that fact to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner. School personnel who are required to report suspected cases of child abuse or maltreatment and who fails to do so may be held liable for a misdemeanor and may be held civilly liable for this failure.
14. Any school employee who fails to comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.
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16. The district will post the telephone number for Child Welfare Services (914-834-7520) and directions for accessing the NYS Office of Child and Family Services (<http://ocfs.ny.gov/>) in both English and Spanish, on the district website and in highly visible areas of school buildings so it is readily accessible to students and staff. The district will also make such information available in district and school administrative offices, provide it to parents/guardians in parental relation at the beginning of each school year (including electronically and/or sent home with students), and provide it to all teachers and administrators and other mandated reporters].

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