## STUDENTS Regulation 2710

# Student Welfare

# Reporting Student Abuse

## Procedure for Reporting Abuse and Neglect

1. If notice of alleged child abuse or neglect is received, a report will be made to the Children’s Division by telephoning the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738. The call will be logged with the date, time and nature of the report, if the Children’s Division declines to accept the report, the name of the CD representative; the date and report made must be documented.

1. When CD representatives interview students on School property, a school staff member will be present. CD representatives may not meet with a child at any school or childcare facility where abuse of the child is alleged to have occurred.
2. When CD receives a report of suspected abuse involving a school employee, other than reports made under subsection (1), the CD is required to notify the Principal/designee. If the alleged perpetrator is the Principal/designee, CD will notify the Board President. However, if the report relates to spanking or the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property pursuant to Board policy, a report will be made to county law enforcement officials. The investigation into such report will be made by a law enforcement official in the county.
3. When the School and student involved request mediation of the child abuse situation in a school setting, the matter will be referred to the Office of Child Advocate.