

**RELATIONS WITH WELFARE AUTHORITIES/  
COVERING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

It is the policy of the schools to cooperate with the state Family Services Agency in all child abuse or neglect investigations. At the same time, the schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of the [pupils] students while they are in the care of the school. To carry out this responsibility, school officials should observe the following:

1. Individual [pupils] students may not be interviewed by any person except any employee of the Board of Education without the approval of the principal or designee.
2. No principal shall grant such an interview unless he or she deems it essential to the welfare of the child or as may be required by court order.
3. The principal or designee shall be present unless: (a) prohibited by a court order, or (b) the investigation involves charges of abuse or neglect against the school or parents, or (c) the principal, in his or her discretion, otherwise determines that the investigation of the charges against the school or parents may be hindered by the presence of a school official.

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