

No. 806-AR

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

School administrators, school nurse, guidance counselor, psychologist and all other staff members will make reports of suspected cases of child abuse/neglect to the building principal who will make or cause an oral report to be made to the Somerset County Children and Youth or a written report will be made to the Somerset County Children and Youth.

School employees shall not contact the child's family or any persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse/neglect.

It is not the responsibility of the school employee to prove that the child has been abused or neglected or to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

Any personal interview or physical inspection of child should be conducted in a professional manner.

EXCERPTS FROM THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW

Section 2-23-203

“Immunity from Liability”

“Any person, hospital, institution, school, facility, or agency participating in good faith in the making of a report or testifying in any proceeding arising out of an instance out of suspected child abuse, the taking of photographs, or the removal or keeping of a child pursuant to these regulations, shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise result by reasons of such actions. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person required to report cases of child abuse as defined in 2-23-170 shall be presumed.”

Adopted: October 15, 2012