

Instruction

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Child Sexual Abuse

To prevent and raise awareness about child sexual abuse, the District will:

1. Educate all students in pre-kindergarten through the 8th grade about sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention through an age appropriate curriculum. Parents will be provided, not less than 5 school days, written notice before the class or course begins.
2. Train school personnel on child sexual abuse; including but not limited to:
 - the dynamics of child sexual abuse;
 - how to handle a disclosure of child sexual abuse;
 - questions to ask or not ask a child who discloses sexual abuse; and
 - the requirements of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
3. Provide educational information to parents/guardians in the Parent/Student Handbook on the warning signs of a child who may be a victim of sexual abuse and any needed assistance, referral, or resource information will include:
 - likely warning signs that a child may be a victim of abuse;
 - actions to take to obtain assistance and intervention for such children; and
 - available counseling options for such children.
4. Identify available counseling and resources for students affected by sexual abuse; and
5. Provide emotional and educational support for a child who has been subjected to sexual abuse to continue to be successful in school.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 and 5/27-13.2
105 ILCS 110/3

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

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