

## 1213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE

Each administrator shall maintain a standard of care for the supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with their assigned duties and responsibilities which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. An administrator shall report immediately any accidents or safety hazards about which they are informed or detects to their supervisor as well as to other authorities or District staff members as may be required by established policies and procedures.
- B. An administrator shall report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to the Superintendent and local public safety agencies and/or school officials in accordance with Policy 8406 - *Reports of Suspicious and Potential Threats to Schools*.
- C. An administrator shall require staff under their supervision to provide proper instruction in safety matters as presented in assigned course guides.
- D. An administrator shall not send students on any non-school related errands.
- E. An administrator shall encourage a student to discuss issues relating to the student's well-being with the student's parent, or shall facilitate the student's discussion of the issue with the parent.
- F. An administrator shall notify the parent of a student if there is a change in the student's services or monitoring related to the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being and in the school's ability to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the student. Notice shall be made as soon as reasonably possible. The administrator shall make a good faith effort to speak with the parent either in person or by telephone, with follow-up written notice by e-mail or U.S. mail.

### **Exception - Withholding of Information**

An administrator is permitted to withhold information about a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being from the parent if a reasonably prudent person would believe that the disclosure would result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect, as those are defined in F.S. 39.01. When information is withheld from a parent on this basis, the specific circumstances should be documented in the student's record (F.S. 1001.42(8)(c)2.)

Regardless of whether an administrator withholds information set forth herein, pursuant to State law and Policy 8462 (*Student Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect*), any administrator who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child or student has been abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, adult, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, is required to report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Department of Children and Families via the central abuse hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) or via face, web-based chat, or web-based report.

- G. An administrator may not discourage or prohibit parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.
- H. An administrator shall not inappropriately associate with students at any time in a manner which may give the appearance of impropriety, including, but not limited to, the creation or participation in any situation or activity which could be considered abusive or sexually suggestive or involve illegal substances such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Any sexual or other inappropriate conduct with a student by any staff member will subject the offender to potential criminal liability and discipline up to and including termination of employment.
- I. An administrator shall not knowingly distribute to a minor any material that is obscene and harmful to minors, as defined in F.S. 847.012, in any format and/or by any manner. An administrator who knowingly distributes any such material to a minor also commits a felony under State law and is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

- J. An administrator shall not disclose personally identifiable information about a student to third persons unless specifically authorized by law or the student's parent(s) to do so.
- K. An administrator who is transporting a student should not do so unless accompanied by another adult.
- L. A student shall not be required to perform work or services that may be detrimental to their health.
- M. Administrators ( ) are discouraged from engaging ( ) shall not engage [END OF OPTION] students in social media and online networking media, such as Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- N. Administrators are expressly prohibited from posting any video or comment pertaining to any student on social network sites or similar forums, such as YouTube.

Since most information concerning a child in school, other than directory information described in Policy 8330, is confidential under Federal and State laws, any staff member who shares confidential information with another person not authorized to receive the information may be subject to discipline and/or civil liability. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, grades, behavior, family background, and alleged child abuse.

Pursuant to the laws of the State and School Board Policy 8462, each administrator shall report to the proper legal authorities immediately any sign of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.