

STUDENT WELFARE
Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting

1. Any employee of the Jackson Public Schools who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subject to abuse/neglect shall immediately make an oral report with the knowledge of the immediate supervisor by telephone to the Department of Public Welfare.
2. The employee shall submit a written report (Reported of Suspected Abuse/Neglected Child) that same day to the Department of Public Welfare and Deputy Superintendent for Instruction.
3. Upon notification of a Protective Services Investigation of the child by a Social Worker from the Department of Public Welfare and/or a Detective from the Jackson Police Department Juvenile Unit, the site Principal will make available the child, a private conference area, and provide any needed cooperation and assistance necessary.
4. The Principal is to request and verify identification of the Social Worker and/or Juvenile Detective prior to the Protective Services Investigation.
5. The Principal and/or reporting employee may be present at the Protective Services Investigation only at the discretion of the Protective Services Investigator.
6. All aspects of the Protective Services Investigation are to be held in the strictest confidence for the protection of the child. Under no circumstance is a child to be questioned by school employees concerning an investigation.