

206 – Child Abuse Reporting and Training Policy

I. Purpose:

The Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence (BASSE) believes in ensuring the physical and mental well-being of its pupils and commits that the school will cooperate in the identification and reporting of suspected child abuse in accordance with Delaware law.

II. Definitions:

- A. Child Abuse: Causing or inflicting any of the following on a child: sexual abuse, serious physical injury or death, emotional abuse, torture, exploitation, maltreatment or mistreatment¹.

III. Policy Statement:

- A. The BASSE Head of School or his/her designee shall develop procedures for compliance with the statutory requirements that instances of child abuse be reported. Such procedures shall:
 - 1. Inform all staff members having contact with students of their legal obligation to report all cases of abuse as defined by Delaware law.
 - a) Provide for the release to the appropriate child protective services agency the name and age of the child and the name and address of the parent(s) or guardians; information regarding the nature and extent of the child's injuries, abuse, or maltreatment; and such information which, in the opinion of the Head of School, has a bearing on the suspected child abuse; and advise staff members of their immunity from liability for making a report of suspected child abuse in good faith.
- B. All employees will receive annual training in accordance with Delaware Law.
- C. All school employees are subject to Mandatory Reporting Requirements, as outlined in the Delaware Code.

IV. Responsibility:

- A. The BASSE Head of School or his/her designee shall implement and enforce policies and procedures that:
 - 1. Ensure employees receive regular training in accordance with the Delaware Code.
 - 2. Defines a process within the school that supports faculty and students when mandatory reporting is needed.

¹ Definition from Title 14 Chapter 41 Subchapter II Regulatory Provisions for Nonacademic Training and Related Resources (<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c041/sc02/index.shtml>)

3. Provide for notification to the Board regarding any alleged mistreatment of a student by an adult employee, volunteer, or student.
4. Ensures all BASSE employees are responsible for following Mandatory Reporting Requirements regarding Child Abuse as outlined in the Delaware Code.

Related Policies:

Related Procedures and Documents:

- A. Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC):
<https://courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate/cpac/>
- B. Delaware Code Title 16:
<https://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c009/sc01/index.shtml>
- C. Mandatory Reports Related to Child Abuse:
<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/investigativeunit/mandatorychild/>

Approval and Revision Dates:

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