

POLICY 5.3: MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, AND/OR NEGLECT

WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2008-2009?

- 🍏 Child abuse training is required for **ALL** new beginning teachers.
- 🍏 Child abuse training is required for **all instructional staff** that are **NEW** to Broward County.
- 🍏 Child-on-Child sexual abuse training will be conducted in each zone by elementary and secondary levels.
- 🍏 Student Support Designees (child abuse, foster care and suicide) training will be conducted in each area in September and October.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- 🍏 Notify all new instructional staff of the child abuse training requirements.
- 🍏 Sign off on staff competencies' checklist **only** after you have seen the certificate of completion for the child abuse training.
- 🍏 Permit staff to attend the slated trainings.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- 🍏 Staff will not be trained in identifying and appropriately responding to cases of child abuse and neglect.
- 🍏 Students will not get the interventions that are necessary to keep them safe.
- 🍏 The District could be held legally responsible for not responding appropriately and in a timely manner to incidents of child abuse within the District.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- 🍏 All school staff.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- 🍏 The dates for the trainings will be sent to the schools as soon as they are scheduled.
- 🍏 Child abuse completion training certificates will be mailed to the staff.

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