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Students

Protocol Procedures Regarding Conduct of
Reporting and Investigations

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Purpose:

The purpose of this protocol is to coordinate the investigative, prosecutorial, and treatment by Homedale School District, Department of Health & Welfare, and Law Enforcement officials of students who might fall under the purview of Child Protection or Youth Rehabilitation Acts.

- A. All relevant sections of the Idaho Code relating to Child Protection and Youth Rehabilitation Acts.

Referral/Reporting Procedures:

- A. All concerns of school personnel regarding suspected child abuse/neglect must be reported to the principal or his/her designee.
- B. Any individual who suspects child abuse is legally responsible for making certain that the report is made to the designated agencies immediately. This legal responsibility is not satisfied by merely reporting your suspicion to the principal or other school personnel.

Investigations:

- A. Incidents that require action by agencies outside the school are to be reported to the principal or his designee. All abuse cases must be reported to the principal. The principal must report all abuse cases to Health and Welfare and the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- B. Investigators must report to principal and/or his designee prior to any investigations conducted on school premises.
- C. The child will be interviewed by the social worker and/or appropriate law enforcement agency. The purpose of this initial interview will be to determine if there is reasonable basis for further appropriate action.

D. Law Enforcement Involvement

Whenever possible, law enforcement will be involved in the initial interview. The officer will decide:

1. If the referral is one involving "imminent danger."
2. If the student should be sheltered.
3. If the offender should be arrested.
4. If the case is appropriate for referral to the prosecutor for criminal action.