

246 CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Nevada law requires school personnel who know, or have reasonable cause to believe, that a child under the age of 18 years has been abused or neglected must report such information as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 24 hours after there is reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.

Persons making such reports in good faith are immune from civil and criminal liability.

When an Oasis Academy employee knows of, or suspects, child abuse that employee must make a report to an agency that provides child welfare services or to a law enforcement agency according to NRS 432B.220. To fulfill this obligation an Oasis Academy employee should make a verbal report of the incident to the Division of Child and Family Services or notify local law enforcement officials.

The report must contain the following information, if obtainable:

1. The name, address, age, and sex of the child;
2. The name and address of the child's parents or other person responsible for his care;
3. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect of the child;
4. Any evidence of previously known or suspected abuse or neglect of the child or the child's siblings;
5. The name, address, and relationship, if known, of the person who is alleged to have abused or neglected the child; and
6. Any other information known to the person making the report that the agency that provides child welfare services considers necessary.

The employee, after notifying the appropriate state agency or local law enforcement officials, will immediately notify the administrator of the school where the child is enrolled. The administrator, or his/her designee, will maintain a log of child abuse or neglect reports and will keep Oasis Academy's sponsor informed of the number of reports.

Oasis Academy and Oasis Academy employees are not empowered to investigate suspected instances of child abuse or neglect.

No Oasis Academy employee is expected or authorized to contact non-school individuals or agencies in order to investigate, obtain additional information or to verify reported information. An Oasis Academy employee's sole responsibility is to report this information.

Either the local law enforcement officials or Division of Child and Family Services will conduct the actual investigation of the suspected child abuse or neglect.

All Oasis Academy employees will cooperate fully with the agency conducting the investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect.

Legal References:

NRS 432B.220

NRS 432B.230