

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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**ACCOMMODATING DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (DCS)
INVESTIGATIONS**

As permitted by federal and state laws, Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS) will cooperate fully with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services in their investigations of alleged child abuse. DCS is charged with investigating cases of suspected child abuse and conducting all related investigations to include child interviews. Except in cases where school employees are suspected of being the perpetrator, the school is regarded as an appropriate neutral setting for conducting such interviews. Principals and Child Abuse Coordinators will accommodate DCS and law enforcement personnel concerning student access and interviewing both students and school personnel. Principals will permit review of student records in accordance with federal and state law only.

- Associated Documents: INS-P041 Accommodating DCS Investigations
INS-A085 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse
INS-G016 Training Guidelines for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse
and Accommodating Related Investigations
INS-P040 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse Procedure
- INS-F140 Department of Children's Services (DCS) Referral
INS-G016 Flow Chart Attachment A – Supplemental Instructions for
Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

Revision History:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Description of Revision:</u>
11/29/04		Initial Release
7/15/08		Addition of Associated Documents, no revisions to policy
10/08/08		Reviewed no revisions
03/04/13	A	Update logo and spell out DCS in the title.
3/25/15		Reviewed, no changes
5/30/17	B	Updated to correspond with what is permitted by federal and state laws.
9/30/20		HUM-A010 retired and changed to an Instruction policy. No changes to document content, other than changes to retired document numbers.
10/4/22	C	Changed "Department Heads" to "Child Abuse Coordinators" throughout to align with changes to state law.

***** End of Policy *****