

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Policy S17: Child Abuse Policy
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All employees of Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School, including all teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, school psychologist, or volunteers who have reason or cause to believe that a child is being or has been abused shall report that abuse immediately, but in no case later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, in accordance with Georgia law and the protocol for handling child abuse cases for Randolph County, Georgia.

Under no circumstances shall the school leader or designee to whom a report of child abuse has been made exercise any control, restrain, modification or make other change to the information provided by a mandated reporter, although the reporter may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant and necessary information when making the report.