

REPORTING OF VIOLENT ACTS

District employees shall comply with all requirements imposed by law with regard to reporting unlawful activities or violent acts which have or may have occurred on school property or during school-related activities.

For purposes of this policy, "school property" means any school building, bus, campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by the district.

The following reports shall be made in accordance with the law and with procedures JDP/KP.

Section I

Any school employee shall notify his/her principal immediately upon obtaining knowledge that one of the following unlawful activities or a violent act has or may have occurred on school property or during a school-related activity:

1. Aggravated assault, including but not limited to, A) assault resulting in serious physical injury or B) assault involving use of weapon;
2. Assault on a school employee, simple or aggravated;
3. Indecent liberties with a minor;
4. Possession of a firearm or other weapon;
5. Possession, use, or sale of any controlled substance;
6. Rape;
7. Sexual battery;
8. Other sexual offense;
9. Murder or other homicide;
10. Kidnapping; or
11. Other violent act.

When an emergency situation exists and the principal is not available for immediate notification, the employee shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Section II

A principal receiving an employee's report or having personal knowledge of such acts shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Section III

A principal shall notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency when he has a reasonable belief that one of the above-stated acts has occurred.

Section IV

The superintendent shall notify the parents/legal guardians, youth court, and appropriate local law enforcement agency when a student is expelled because of unlawful or violent activity.

Section V

The superintendent shall notify the parents/legal guardians, youth court, and appropriate local law enforcement agency when a crime has been committed by a student on school property or during a school-related event.

Section VI

The superintendent or principal shall notify the district attorney of an accusation of fondling or sexual involvement with a minor student (under 18) by a school employee (18 or older) upon determination that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the accusation is true.

Section VII: DEFINITIONS

- A. A "violent act" means any action which results in death or physical harm to another or an attempt to cause death or physical harm to another.
- B. The "appropriate law enforcement agency" is the agency with jurisdiction in the place where the unlawful activity or violent act occurs.
- C. The "appropriate law enforcement agency" is the Jackson Police Department.
- D. The following crimes which must be reported are defined by the referenced statute and/or other applicable Mississippi law:

1. Possession or use of a deadly weapon, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-37-17
2. Possession, sale, or use of any controlled substance, Mississippi Code Ann. § 41-29-105, -133 through -121.
3. Aggravated assault, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-7(2)
4. Simple assault, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-7(1)
5. Rape, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-65, 67, 71
6. Sexual battery, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-95
7. Murder or other homicide, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-15 through 47.
8. Kidnapping, Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-51, 53

All unlawful activities or violent acts not defined by reference to specific statutes shall be otherwise defined by applicable Mississippi law.

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi
LEGAL REF.: Prevention of School Violence Act, S. B. 3349 (1994)
Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-11-29 (Supp. 1994)
Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-9-14(2)(W) and (X) (Supp. 1994)
Mississippi Code Ann. § 43-21-605 (4) (Supp. 1994)
Other statutes as cited.
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