

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 Department Heads will accommodate DCS and law enforcement personnel concerning student access and interviewing both students and school personnel. Principals and Department Heads will permit review of student records in accordance with federal and state law only.

Associated Documents: [HUM-P015](#) Accommodating DCS Investigations  
[HUM-A009](#) Reporting Suspected Child Abuse  
[HUM-G001](#) Training Guidelines for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Accommodating Related Investigations  
[HUM-P014](#) Reporting Suspected Child Abuse Procedure  
[HUM-F048](#) Child Protective Services Intake Report  
[HUM-F050](#) Department of Children's Services (DCS) Referral  
[HUM-G001 FC](#) Attachment A – Supplemental Instructions for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

**Revision History:**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Description of Revision:</u>
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7/15/08		Addition of Associated Documents, no revisions to policy
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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.

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