

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>5331</b> <b>Adopted: August 22, 2006</b> <b>Student Policies</b>
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**SUBJECT: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS**

Consistent with the Greater Southern Tier BOCES' commitment to keep students safe from harm and the obligation of BOCES officials to report to Child Protective Services when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a student has been abused or maltreated, the BOCES will cooperate with local Child Protective Services workers who wish to conduct interviews of students on school property relating to allegations of suspected child abuse, and/or neglect, or custody investigations.

All requests by Child Protective Services to interview a student on BOCES property shall be made directly to the Building Principal or his designee. The Principal or designee shall set the time and place of the interview. The Principal or designee shall decide if it is necessary and appropriate for a BOCES official to be present during the interview, depending on the age of the student being interviewed and the nature of the allegations. If the nature of the allegations is such that it may be necessary for the student to remove any of his or her clothing in order for the Child Protective Services worker to verify the allegations, the school nurse or other district medical personnel must be present during that portion of the interview. No student may be required to remove his or her clothing in front of a Child Protective Services worker or BOCES official of the opposite sex.

A Child Protective Services worker may not remove a student from BOCES property without a court order, unless the worker reasonably believes that the student would be subject to danger of abuse if he or she were not removed from BOCES before a court order can reasonably be obtained. If the worker believes the student would be subject to danger of abuse, the worker may remove the student without a court order and without the parent's consent.