



ARKANSAS STATE POLICE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN DIVISION

School District Prohibition from Notifying a Parent, Guardian, or Custodian of a Child Maltreatment Investigation

School Principal or Principal's Designee:

Act 613 of the 88th General Assembly, Regular Session 2011, made amendments to the Arkansas Code as it pertains to notification of parents or other custodians during the course of a child maltreatment investigation. Under Ark. Code Ann § 6-18-513(d), prohibited for school district staff to notify a parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in the place of a parent that a request has been made to interview a student during the course of an investigation of suspected child maltreatment or that a student has been interviewed during the course of a child maltreatment investigation if:

1. A parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in the place of a parent, is an alleged offender in an investigation of suspected child maltreatment; and
2. The child maltreatment investigator requests that the school not make notification.

This notice serves as your request to not inform the parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in the place of a parent that a request has been made to interview a student during the course of a child maltreatment investigation or that a student has been interviewed during the course of a child maltreatment investigation.

In the event that a parent, guardian, custodian, or in the place of a parent has questions after the child is interviewed, you may provide the individual with the "Parental Notification Regarding Act 613 of the 88th General Assembly, 2011" located on the following page.

Thank you for your understanding and for your partnership as we work together to keep the children of Arkansas safe.



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Dear Parent, Guardian, or Custodian:

The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) strive to keep children safe and help families. An important part of our work is to investigate child maltreatment allegations.

Arkansas law allows DCFS staff or their partners in local law enforcement or CACD to enter into the home, school, or other place to conduct an interview or complete an assessment related to child maltreatment investigations. No publicly supported school, facility, or institution may deny access to any person conducting a child maltreatment investigation.

Please understand that in certain circumstances Arkansas law prohibits school district staff from notifying the parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in place of a parent that a request has been made to interview the student during a child maltreatment investigation. The applicable law can be found at A.C.A. § 6-18-513.

Thank you for your understanding.