

MISSING CHILDREN

The school district shall make every effort to identify possible missing children and to notify the proper authorities. A missing child is defined as a person under age 18, missing from his normal residence, whose whereabouts cannot be determined by a person responsible for the child's care; and any child known to have been taken, enticed or concealed from the custody of his lawful guardian by a person who has no legal right to do so.

A building principal, who has reasonable cause to believe that a student may be a possible missing child, may make inquiry of the Statewide Central Register for Missing Children at 1-800-346-3543, but shall notify local law enforcement.

The Superintendent of Schools shall cooperate with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service to determine whether any child who has been identified as missing is currently or has previously been enrolled in one or more of the district's schools. If so, the student's records shall be prominently flagged and identified so that personnel can readily ascertain that it is the record of a missing child. District personnel shall promptly report to the State Division of Criminal Justice Services and local law enforcement any request concerning such flagged records.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for implementing this policy.

Ref: Education Law §§3212; 3222
Executive Law §837-e

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