
NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS*
FROM: DR. JOSEPH PASQUERILLA, SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: REQUIRED MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING
DATE: MARCH 12, 2015
CC: MS. FRANCESCA J. LATTARI, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
MRS. CHRISTINA GARCZEWSKI, COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

The Child Welfare Law (PA Act 126) require all school entities to provide all employees and district personnel, including any person who has direct contact with children, with mandatory training on both child abuse recognition and reporting. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a minimum of three hours of Mandated Reporter Training must occur once every five years, in compliance with PA Act 126.

In collaboration with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, the Northgate School District will be hosting a required Mandated Reporter Training session on June 4, 2015 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium. The session, *Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse: Knowing Your Role in the Protection of Children*, will consist of a program that was developed collaboratively by NOVA and PCAR (Pittsburgh Coalition Against Rape) which is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to meet the Act 126 requirements. The training will be provided by Ms. Gail Brown, the Manager of Education and Training Services for Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, and will include three hours of training on topics relative to the recognition of the signs of abuse, steps for reporting suspected abuse, and the maintenance of professional and appropriate relationships with students.

If you have NOT previously completed this training, please be advised that you will be required to attend in order to continue to volunteer with the Northgate School District. If you are unsure if you have completed the Act 126 training, feel free to contact Christina Garczewski, Coordinator of Special Services, or a building secretary to obtain confirmation.

*School district personnel include Central Administration Staff, Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Nurses, Counselors, Teacher Assistants, Secretaries, Coaches (including Volunteer Coaches), Cafeteria Staff, Custodial Staff, District Volunteers, Outside Agency Contacts, and School Board Members.