

ACT 126-Mandatory Reporting

*On July 5, 2012, Governor Corbett signed into law Act 126 (24 P.S. § 1205.6), which amended the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 to mandate that all school entities (a public school, charter school, cyber charter school, private school, nonpublic school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school) and independent contractors of school entities provide certain training to all employees, including contracted substitute teachers, who have direct contact with children. Direct contact with children has been defined as “the possibility of care, supervision, guidance or control of children or **routine interaction with children.**” The law went into effect on Jan. 2, 2013.*

This is something that must be completed for all employees of the District. To assist with this mandatory training requirement we are providing the following website where you and your staff may access no-cost training: www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu.

Staff may register and begin the module at any time. Training does not need completed in one session. If it is stopped, it can resume where left off upon return. At the end of the training, one can print out a certificate of completion.

We need to have a proof of completion. Those who do this online course can provide a copy of their certificate. If any employee completed training elsewhere and can provide proof of such, they won't have to do it again, as long as it falls within the five year window.