

232E.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Board of educational examiners*” means the board created in [section 256.146](#).
2. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
3. “*Investigation*” means the process by which the department responds to all accepted reports of alleged student abuse.
4. “*Nonpublic school*” means the same as defined in [section 280.2](#).
5. “*Public school*” means the same as defined in [section 280.2](#).
6. “*Public school district*” means a public school district as described in [chapter 274](#), and includes a charter school under [chapter 256E](#), or a charter school or an innovation zone school under [chapter 256F](#).
7. “*School employee*” means any of the following:
 - a. A person employed by a public school or a nonpublic school.
 - b. A vendor, or an employee of a vendor, that provides goods or services to a public school or a nonpublic school.
 - c. An agent, or an employee of an agent, of a public school or a nonpublic school.
 - d. A volunteer under the direction and control of any of the following:
 - (1) The board of directors or any administrator of a public school district.
 - (2) The board or authorities in control of a nonpublic school.
 - (3) The board of directors or administrator of an agency called upon by a school official to provide services to students in an educational capacity.
8. “*Student*” means a person enrolled in a public school, a nonpublic school, or a prekindergarten program in a public school or a nonpublic school.
9. “*Student abuse*” means any of the following which occur on school grounds during school time, or on or at a school-related curricular or extracurricular activity:
 - a. Any nonaccidental physical injury, or an injury which does not match the history provided for how the injury occurred, suffered by a student as the result of an act or omission of a school employee, that is not otherwise excluded by [section 280.21, subsection 2](#).
 - b. The commission of a sexual offense under [chapter 709, section 726.2](#), or [section 728.12, subsection 1](#), with or to a student as a result of an act or omission of a school employee.
 - c. An act or omission of a school employee which allows, permits, or encourages a student to engage in an act prohibited under [section 725.1](#).

[2025 Acts, ch 159, §27](#)

Referred to in [§321.375](#)

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