



Zhuhai International School Child Protection Policy 2020

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I. OVERVIEW

This policy document was written through the collaborative efforts of the Learning Services team, IB coordinators, teachers and administrators with feedback from parents. In writing this policy, the team consulted the Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession produced by the Ontario College of Teachers as well as the resource “Developing Child Protection Policies and Procedures” found on the website for the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children.

All teaching staff completed the Child Protection for International Schools course produced by Educare. This allowed the teaching staff to have a common language and understanding regarding Safeguarding and Child Protection and led to the appointment of a Child Protection Officer on campus.

Finally, as ZIS is an IB World school, the team also consulted the IB Standards and Practices.

Who we are

Zhuhai International School (ZIS) educates students aged 3-18 from around the world. Founded in 2007, it has maintained a family-oriented atmosphere. While a sizeable portion of our students have spent much of their childhood in the country, they hold passports from other nations. Students enter ZIS with a range of needs, cultural backgrounds, family dynamics and perspectives.

The ZIS Child Protection Policy outlines the necessary components of the environment needed for students to live out the school’s mission statement:

At ZIS we strive to develop dynamic and principled global citizens who have the skills and attitudes to enable them to become compassionate, life-long learners who will contribute positively to the future of our world.

II. POLICY AIMS

1. Outline our commitment to the rights of the child
2. Outline the scope of practices considered in protecting children
3. Define terms, responsibilities and procedures in child protection
4. Outline actions
5. Outline safe working practices
6. Provide further resources

III. OUR COMMITMENT

The safety of the child is our prime consideration at all times. ZIS believes, as stated in the Convention of the Rights of the Child, "that childhood is entitled to special care and assistance." Furthermore, ZIS agrees that "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth." (UNICEF 2003) Therefore, our school must ensure that the whole community is committed to protecting those children under our care.

ZIS is committed to:

- The prevention of abuse and to the well-being of members, children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families.
- Acting at all times in the best interest of the children, young people and vulnerable adults to whom it provides a service.
- Dealing with abuse, suspected abuse or disclosure of abuse in a timely fashion.

ZIS recognises that the family's primary role in caring and protecting the child should be valued and maintained. However the child's safety and wellbeing should have priority.

ZIS acknowledges that in cases of suspected child abuse, support for families is important.

ZIS agrees that working in accordance with this policy requires staff to be trained and supported.

ZIS will ensure that any disclosures about alleged abuse are acknowledged and that appropriate action taken to ensure the safety of children who make disclosures.

ZIS is committed to complying with all relevant legislation.

Our Objective: The safety of the child is our prime consideration at all times.

IV.SCOPE AND PRACTICES

This policy applies to all students registered at ZIS, and to those with whom personnel come into contact in the course of their work with our school. It applies to staff, volunteers and management of ZIS. It also applies to any contracted personnel providing support services to families and members, and to those providing support services to staff.

DEFINITIONS

A child: is defined as anyone under the age of 18. At ZIS, any student in our care (whether under 18 or not) is included in this definitions and afforded the same rights and protections.

Staff: anyone employed directly by or volunteering for ZIS as well as staff and volunteers of partner organisations whilst they are working with children and young people in the care or supervision of ZIS.

Child Protection: “preventing and responding to violence, exploitation and abuse against children – including commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking, child labour and harmful traditional practices, such as female genital mutilation/cutting and child marriage.” (UNICEF) At ZIS, Child Protection is one part of the school’s *Safeguarding Policy*.

Abuse and Neglect

Child abuse is the harming (whether physically, emotionally, sexually), ill-treatment, abuse, neglect, or deprivation of any child or young person. The definitions set out below provide some indicators of abuse though these should not be seen as an exhaustive list or as a check list.

Physical Abuse: a non-accidental act on a child that results in physical harm. This includes, but is not limited to, beating, hitting, shaking, burning, drowning, suffocating, biting, poisoning or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical abuse also involves the fabrication or inducing of illness.

Emotional Abuse: the persistent emotional ill-treatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effect on the child's emotional development. This can include a pattern of rejecting, degrading, ignoring, isolating, corrupting, exploiting or terrorising a child. It may also include age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. It also includes the seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of others.

Sexual Abuse: involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities (penetrative and non-penetrative, for example, rape, kissing, touching, masturbation) as well as non-contact acts such as involving children in the looking at or production of sexual images, sexual activities and sexual behaviours.

Staff should be aware of their 'duty of care' which precludes developing a sexual relationship with or grooming of a child. A sexual relationship between an adult and a child will always be wrong, unequal and unacceptable.

Neglect: the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, causing long term serious harm to the child's health or development. It may also include neglect of a child's basic or emotional needs. Neglect is a lack of action, emotion or basic needs.

RESPONSIBILITY

The person who holds the responsibility for child protection, and therefore this policy, within ZIS is the Head of School. The Child Protection Officer (appointed by members of staff) works with the Head of School and the other divisional Heads to ensure that the children who attend ZIS are safe and secure.

The Child Protection Officer of Zhuhai International School is Mirjam Berghuis

V. CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

SUMMARY

Any issues of suspected child abuse will be taken seriously and handled in an appropriate manner that ensures the child's safety.

The Head of School is responsible for ensuring that the procedure for reporting child abuse is effective and timely. If a member of staff has a child protection concern then they must inform the Head of School as soon as possible.

PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING and REPORTING CHILD ABUSE:

Follow these steps when a case of abuse is reported.

- 1. Respond:** Respond to the concern. Reassure the person who has given you the information. Or, when abuse is suspected, respond to these concerns.
- 2. Record:** Record all information. Remember to distinguish between fact and opinion.
- 3. Consult:** Consult with the Child Protection Officer (or, in case of absence, a member of SMT) along with this policy.
- 4. Report:** Reporting and follow-up will be carried out by the Child Protection Officer and the Head of School.

Should there be dissatisfaction with how the Head of School (or, in case of absence, another Head) follows policy, staff are to raise this with the Senior Management Team.

When there is an allegation brought forward against someone closely associated with a member of staff, these procedures should be followed.

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CONFIDENTIALITY and INFORMATION SHARING

ZIS recognises that all staff must act within the legal requirements set by the Peoples Republic of China. ZIS will respect the requirements related to the sharing of information needed to protect children and enable other people to carry out their legitimate functions. In general, staff will not share information if they believe that by doing so this will endanger the child.

ZIS encourages the sharing of information when appropriate steps have been taken.

Information sharing will be restricted to those who have a need to know in order to protect children.

When a staff member is contacted for information that staff member must first refer to their Head for clearance before providing the information.

Information will be only be given after the staff member has identified the person making the request, the actual purpose of the request, what use the information will be put to, and who will see the information.

A child's records will be kept as factual as possible, and nothing will be recorded as fact without evidence to back it up.

VI. MANAGING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST STAFF

ROLE and RESPONSIBILITY of STAFF

This section of the child protection policy outlines the expectations of staff, and the procedures followed by ZIS to ensure that all members of staff are clear about their role and responsibility to keep children safe. This includes the safe recruitment and training of staff.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST STAFF

Any allegation that a member of staff has behaved in an inappropriate or unsafe way will be taken seriously and handled in an appropriate manner that ensures the child's safety.

ZIS will respond to suspicions and allegations of child abuse by a member of staff in a manner which best ensures children's or young persons' immediate and long-term safety and will treat suspicions or allegations against a staff member with the same seriousness as suspicions or allegations made against any other person.

ZIS will not act alone, and will refer all suspected situations of child abuse to local authorities. The safety of the child will be the primary consideration, and no person in this organisation will collude to protect an adult or an organisation.

Allegations will be treated in such a way that the rights of the adults and the stress upon the staff member are also taken into consideration.

When abuse is suspected or an allegation made against a staff member, the first consideration will be to ensure the safety of child.

When abuse is suspected, staff will follow the process for **Procedures for Responding and Reporting Child Abuse** included in this policy (page 5).

When there are suspicions of abuse by a staff member, both staff and children's rights are to be attended to. This means that the safety of the child is of first concern, and that the staff member must have access to legal and professional advice.

The person managing the child abuse issue will not be the same person as that managing the employment issue. The Head of School must manage the employment issue, therefore another Section Head must manage the child abuse issue.

The Head of School must immediately ensure that the suspected individual does not have any contact with the child making the allegation. A risk assessment must be undertaken to determine what level of access, if any, that person should have, to other children.

The suspected staff member (or volunteer) will be prevented from having further unsupervised access to children during any investigation, following the risk assessment; they will be informed fully of their rights.

Staff will declare to a senior person any situation where there could be a conflict of interest, and provision will be made on a case-by-case basis about who will handle the process.

If the police decide to undertake a criminal investigation then the member of staff may be suspended, without prejudice, as a precautionary measure. It is important that no internal investigation is undertaken, and no evidence gathered that might prejudice the criminal investigation.

If ZIS is aware that a member of staff it has placed on precautionary suspension also works with children for another organisation, either as an employee or a volunteer, it should ensure that the other organisation is informed of the suspension and the subsequent outcome.

If there is insufficient evidence to pursue a criminal prosecution, then a disciplinary investigation may still be undertaken if there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that abuse may have occurred. The allegation may represent inappropriate behaviour or poor practice by a member of staff which needs to be considered under internal disciplinary procedures.

SAFE RECRUITMENT of STAFF

ZIS ensures that all staff working with children, both paid and voluntary, have been appropriately vetted and screened.

Screening: means verifying applicant's identity, gathering information about them through application forms, interviews and reference checks, and finally checking what you know through the use of external checks like the Police Vetting Service.

Vetting: means the formal process of obtaining checks from another agency, e.g. the Police Vetting Service and criminal record checks. This is a necessary part of the application for a work visa in China.

VII. SAFE WORKING PRACTICES

This section of the policy should be consulted along with "Safe Working Practices - Guidance" located in Appendix 1.

In all organisations there is a need for high standards of staff behaviour in order to protect children from abuse and at-risk situations, and to protect staff from unwarranted suspicion.

ZIS believes that as far as possible, staff working with children and families should keep their personal and professional lives separate; it does not encourage close personal relationships or care-taking activities outside the work environment.

All members of staff, whether paid or voluntary, are expected to follow guidelines that clarify appropriate behaviour. ZIS will review these regularly with staff to ensure that the guidelines meet the needs arising from ever-changing environments and situations.

All staff are to have a clear understanding of, and to agree to the *Ethical Standards for the Teachers of ZIS* (located in Appendix 2).

Staff are to inform their senior manager of any existing relationships with members, students, clients or their families which could constitute a conflict of interest, or place the staff member in a position of compromise.

Staff are to inform their senior manager of any potential situations of possible compromise or conflict of interest that arise as part of their work.

No staff member is to enter into any relationship with a child, young person or family, which could mean that any other section of this policy is compromised.

VIII. RESOURCES

The following resources, found within and outside of our community, can be consulted for further guidance.

IN ZHUHAI

These services and individuals are available for support and consultation when dealing with any instances on child abuse in our city.

- **Young Pioneers:** a government agency providing security education, child protection and prevention of crimes against children. www.zhsw.gov.cn. (*available in Chinese only*)
- **Women and Children's Services:** part of the local communist party, they provide social services and advice including when an incident needs to be reported under Chinese Law as well as family counselling. **0756223548**
- **Mars Zhu:** cofounder and psychological counsellor of the *Zhuhai Yanwu Psychological Consultation Service Co.*; on-site counsellor who works with students needing extra social/emotional support. **13750089974**; gbtmars@gmail.com

OUTSIDE of ZHUHAI

These services and individuals are available for support and consultation when dealing with any instances on child abuse outside of Zhuhai – mainly in Hong Kong.

- **LIH Olivia's Place:** based in Shenzhen, this organization offers a wide variety of services used by our Learning Services department to support our exceptional students; provides Psychology Services that include child and family therapy. <http://www.oliviasplace.org/therapy-services/psychology-services/>; contact Rebekah Luo at: Rebekah.luo@lih-oliviasplace.com
- **Castle Peak Hospital:** child and adolescent psychiatric services in Hong Kong; will accept patients from the Pearl River Delta region through general referrals; government run hospital. **(+852) 2454 5871** (*Mon-Fri 9am-5 pm*)
- **Dr. Anna Lam (Lim and Lam CAMH centre):** child and adolescent psychiatric services in a number of languages; HK, UK and US Board Certified psychiatrists; can recommend treatment protocol. **(+852) 2804 6268** www.llmc.com.hk

ON-LINE

- **The Internet Watch Foundation:** aims to eliminate online sexual abuse. They help to remove online content that makes the internet unsafe; illegal and inappropriate online material can be reported on this site. <https://www.iwf.org.uk/>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents provide additional guidance about ZIS policy and procedures that link directly to Child Protection policy and practices:

- ZIS SEN Policy
- ZIS Admissions Policy

IX. POLICY REVIEW

This policy document will be reviewed annually to ensure that it is both current and relevant to the changing needs and dynamics of the school. After each review, the policy document will be shared with staff through Staff Orientation as well as division meetings devoted specifically to Child Protection.

The appointment of the Child Protection Officer will also be revisited annually.

X. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Child Abuse	The harming (whether physically, emotionally, sexually), ill-treatment, abuse, neglect, or deprivation of any child or young person. The definitions set out below provide some indicators of abuse though these should not be seen as an exhaustive list or as a checklist.
Child Protection	“Preventing and responding to violence, exploitation and abuse against children – including commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking, child labour and harmful traditional practices, such as female genital mutilation/cutting and child marriage.” (UNICEF)
Early Years	Nursery and Reception. Students can be enrolled in Nursery at the age of 3. Students typically progress from Reception to Year 1 at the age of 4 or 5 years.
Learning Services (LS)	Comprised of specialists in their field, the Learning Services team helps students in their learning journey; they also provide staff with the tools needed to assist their students. This team works specifically with those students who require extra support with academics or social/emotional well-being.
Primary School	Follows the PYP (Primary Years Programme). Students enter in Year 1 and finish in Year 6. Students are typically 10-11 years old upon their completion of Year 6.
Secondary School	Made up of 2 separate programmes: MYP (Middle Years Programme) Year 7-11 DP (Diploma Programme) Year 12-13

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APPENDIX 1

SAFE WORKING PRACTICES - GUIDANCE

Summary:

This section sets out to provide clear guidance on safe ways of working. These situations are general and varied, and do not cover every eventuality.

All adults who work with children have a responsibility to safeguard and promote their welfare. No guidance can provide a complete checklist of what is, or is not appropriate behaviour for adults in all circumstances. Individuals are expected to make judgements about their behaviour in order to secure the best interests and welfare of the children in their charge. Such judgements should always be recorded and shared with a member of the senior management team and with the parent or caregiver. In undertaking these actions individuals will be seen to be acting reasonably.

A. RESPONSIBILITY OF STAFF

Power and Positions of Trust

A relationship between an adult and a child or young person is not a relationship between equals. There is potential for exploitation and harm of vulnerable young people. Adults therefore have a responsibility to ensure that an unequal balance of power is not used for personal advantage or gratification. Adults should always maintain appropriate professional boundaries and avoid behaviour which might be misinterpreted by others. They should report and record any incident with this potential.

Confidentiality

Adults may have access to confidential information about children in order to undertake their everyday responsibilities. This may be highly sensitive and private information. Care and consideration must be taken with the sharing of information. It is important that if a child is at risk of, or suffering, abuse then that information is passed to the appropriate person to take action.

Sharing Concerns and Reporting Incidents

As adults, we acknowledge our individual responsibilities to bring matters of concern to the attention of senior management and/or relevant external agencies. This is particularly important where the welfare of children may be at risk.

As individuals we must be aware of ZIS' process for reporting incidents, including concerns that staff may have about colleagues or other professionals. Staff are to self-report any situations that occurred that in hindsight might be viewed as inappropriate.

It is essential that accurate and comprehensive records are maintained wherever concerns are raised about the conduct or actions of adults working with or on behalf of children.

B. COMMUNICATION INCLUDING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

All interactions with children and young people need to be carefully considered and planned for as to how these may occur in a way that reduces potential risk to children. As adults, we should clearly understand the need to maintain appropriate professional boundaries in their communication with children, and expectations around boundaries need to be firmly established to provide guidance to adults. These situations include communicating with children at work, at home, in public settings and through the use of mobile technology and social media. This includes the wider use of technology such as mobile phones, text messaging, e-mails, digital cameras, videos, web-cams, websites and blogs.

Children are at increased risk of sexual abuse and exploitation where adults have the opportunity to gain access to children and young people in a setting that is not open to casual observation by other adults. As adults we should also be circumspect in their communications with children so as to avoid any possible misinterpretation of their motives or any behaviour which could be construed as grooming.

Photography & Video Images

Working with children may involve the taking or recording of images. Informed written consent from parents or carers and agreement, where possible, from the child or young person, should always be sought before an image is taken for any purpose.

One to One Situations

It is not realistic to state that one to one situations should never take place. ZIS recognizes that one to one situations have the potential to make child/young person more vulnerable to harm by those who seek to exploit their position of trust. Adults working in one to one settings with children may also be more vulnerable to unjust or unfounded allegations being made against them. When one to one situations are unavoidable or planned, reasonable and sensible precautions must be taken. Reasonable precautions include meeting in with an open door and meeting in a highly visible space.

C. PHYSICAL INTERACTION WITH CHILDREN

There are occasions when it is entirely appropriate and proper for staff to have physical contact with children, but it is crucial that they only do so in ways appropriate to their professional role.

When physical contact is made with a child this should be in response to their needs at the time, of limited duration and appropriate to their age, stage of development, gender, ethnicity and background.

Children and Young People in Distress

There may be occasions when a distressed child needs comfort and reassurance and this may involve physical contact. Young children, in particular, may need immediate physical comfort, for example after a fall, separation from parent etc. Adults should use their professional judgement to comfort or reassure a child in an age-appropriate way whilst maintaining clear professional boundaries.

Behaviour Management and Physical Intervention

There are circumstances in which adults working with children displaying extreme behaviours can legitimately intervene by using either non-restrictive or restrictive physical interventions.

The use of physical intervention should, wherever possible, be avoided. It should only be used to manage a child or young person's behaviour if it is necessary to prevent personal injury to the child, other children or an adult, to prevent serious damage to property or in what would reasonably be regarded as exceptional circumstances. When physical intervention is used it should be undertaken in such a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned.

The scale and nature of any physical intervention must be proportionate to both the behaviour of the individual to be controlled and the nature of the harm they may cause. The minimum necessary force should be used and the techniques deployed in line with recommended policy and practice.

Other activities that require physical contact

Some adults who work in certain settings, for example sports, drama or outdoor activities or teach specific subjects such as PE or music, will have to initiate some physical contact with children, for example to demonstrate technique in the use of a particular piece of equipment, adjust posture, or perhaps to support a child so they can perform an activity safely or prevent injury. Such activities should be carried out in accordance with professional judgment, training, and best practice.

Sexual contact

All adults are expected to clearly understand the need to maintain appropriate boundaries in their contacts with children. Intimate or sexual relationships between children/young people and the adults who work with them will be regarded as a grave breach of trust. Allowing or encouraging a relationship to develop in a way which might lead to a sexual relationship is also unacceptable.

Any sexual activity between an adult and the child or young person with whom they work may be regarded as a criminal offence and will always be a matter for disciplinary action.

There are occasions when adults embark on a course of behaviour known as 'grooming' where the sole purpose is to gain the trust of a child, and manipulate that relationship so sexual abuse can take place. Adults should be aware that consistently conferring inappropriate special attention and favour upon a child might be construed as being part of a 'grooming' process and as such will give rise to concerns about their behaviour.

D. INTIMATE CARE

Some job responsibilities necessitate intimate physical contact with children on a regular basis, for example assisting young children with toileting, providing intimate care for children with disabilities or in the provision of medical care. The nature, circumstances and context of such contact must comply with professional codes of practice or guidance and/or be part of a formally agreed plan, which is regularly reviewed. The additional vulnerabilities that may arise from a physical or learning disability should be taken into account and be recorded as part of an agreed care plan. The emotional responses of any child to intimate care should be carefully and sensitively observed, and where necessary, any concerns passed to senior managers and parents/carers.

All children have a right to safety, privacy and dignity when contact of a physical or intimate nature is required and depending on their abilities, age and maturity should be encouraged to act as independently as possible.

The views of the child should be actively sought, wherever possible, when drawing up and reviewing formal arrangements.

As with all individual arrangements for intimate care needs, agreements between the child, parents/carers and your organisation must be negotiated and recorded.

Personal care

Young people are entitled to respect and privacy at all times and especially when in a state of undress, changing clothes, bathing or undertaking any form of personal care. There are occasions where there will be a need for an appropriate level of supervision in order to

safeguard young people and/or satisfy health and safety considerations. This supervision should be appropriate to the needs and age of the young people concerned and sensitive to the potential for embarrassment. Adults need to be vigilant about their own behaviour, ensure they follow agreed guidelines and be mindful of the needs of the children with whom they work.

First Aid and the administration of medication

Some children may need medication to be administered while in the care of your organisation. In circumstances where children need medication regularly a health care plan is maintained by the nurse to ensure the safety and protection of children and staff. With the permission of parents, children should be encouraged to self-administer medication or treatment including, for example any ointment, sun cream or use of inhalers.

When administering first aid, wherever possible, staff should ensure that another adult is present, or aware of the action being taken. Parents should always be informed when first aid has been administered.

E. WORKING WITH CHILDREN OFF-SITE

There may be occasions when work with children takes places outside of the normal work environment. This can be due to trips, camps, home visits or any number of reasons. Special care must be taken to ensure that safe practices are maintained.

The Use of Personal Space:

No child or young person should be in or invited into, the home or vehicle of an adult who works with them, unless the reason for this has been firmly established and agreed with parents/ caregivers and a senior manager.

It is not appropriate for any organisation/service to expect or request that private living space be used for work with children.

Day Trips, After Hours Activities and Overnight Camp

Adults are expected to take particular care when supervising children on trips and outings, where the setting is less formal than the usual workplace. Adults remain in a position of trust and need to ensure that their behaviour remains professional at all times and stays within clearly defined professional boundaries.

Where out of school activities include overnight stays, careful consideration needs to be given to sleeping arrangements. Children, young people, adults and parents should be informed of these prior to the start of the trip. In all circumstances, those organising trips and outings must pay careful attention to ensuring safe staff/child ratios and to the gender mix of staff especially on overnight stays.

APPENDIX 2

ETHICAL STANDARDS for ZIS TEACHERS

The *Ethical Standards for the Teachers of ZIS* represent a vision of professional practice. At the heart of a strong and effective teaching profession is a commitment to students and their learning.

The teachers of ZIS, in their position of trust, demonstrate responsibility in their relationships with students, parents, guardians, colleagues, educational partners, other professionals, the environment and the public.

THE PURPOSES OF THESE ETHICAL STANDARDS ARE:

- to inspire teachers to reflect and uphold the honour and dignity of the teaching profession
- to identify the ethical responsibilities and commitments in the teaching profession
- to guide ethical decisions and actions in the teaching profession
- to promote public trust and confidence in the teaching profession.

THE ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION ARE:

Care	The ethical standard of <i>Care</i> includes compassion, acceptance, interest and insight for developing students' potential. Teachers at ZIS express their commitment to students' well-being and learning through positive influence, professional judgment and empathy in practice.
Respect	Intrinsic to the ethical standard of <i>Respect</i> are trust and fair-mindedness. Teachers at ZIS honour human dignity, emotional wellness and cognitive development. In their professional practice, they model respect for spiritual and cultural values, social justice, confidentiality, freedom, democracy and the environment.
Trust	The ethical standard of <i>Trust</i> embodies fairness, openness and honesty. Teachers at ZIS work to ensure that relationships with students, colleagues, parents, guardians and the public are based on trust.
Integrity	Honesty, reliability and moral action are embodied in the ethical standard of <i>Integrity</i> . Continual reflection assists the teachers at ZIS in exercising integrity in their professional commitments and responsibilities.

Modeled after the *Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession* of the Ontario College of Teachers (Canada).

<http://www.oct.ca/public/professional-standards/ethical-standards>

APPENDIX 3

THE LAW

This Child Protection Policy is based on local, national and international law, including:

THE PRC MINORS PROTECTION LAW, 2012: Article 5 and 15:

Article 5: In the protection of minors, the following principles shall be followed:

1. Respecting the personal dignity of minors;
2. Following the laws which govern the minors' physical and mental development and the characteristics of such development; and
3. Combining education with protection.

Article 15: Parents or other guardians must not carry out the follow conduct:

1. Abuse or neglect of minors, commit domestic violence against minors, otherwise harm their person';
2. Coercing, enticing, or exploiting minors to beg;
3. Allowing, inciting, or exploiting minors to carry out illegal or criminal conduct;
4. Allowing or instigating minors' negative conduct such as smoking, drinking, or vagrancy;
5. Allowing or instigating minors' participation in superstitious activities or acceptance of religious extremist ideology, or other such harms;
6. Allowing or compelling minors that are required to accept compulsory education to not attend or drop out of school;
7. Allowing minors to excessively use electronic products or become obsessed with the internet, allowing minors to come in contact with online information, A/V works, electronic publications or reading matter that might impact their physical or psychological health;
8. Allow minors to enter for-profit entertainment venues, internet access service businesses, and other activity venues that are not suitable for minors;
9. Permitting or compelling minors that are not yet 18 years old to engage in labor other than that for which laws and regulations have specially provided;
10. Permitting or compelling minors to marry, or making marriage contracts on behalf of minors;
11. Illegally disposing of or misappropriating minors' assets;
12. Other conduct harming minors physical or psychological health and property rights, of lackluster performance of obligations to protect minors provided for in laws and regulations.

ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 2015: Article 14 and 35:

In 2015, a new law was passed (effective March 1st 2016) that protects foreigners and Chinese citizens within China's borders from domestic violence.

Article 14: Schools, kindergartens, medical institutions, residents' committees, villagers' committees, social service agencies, aid management agencies, welfare agencies and their staff members shall promptly report cases to public security organs if they find, during the course of their work, that persons with no civil capacity or persons with limited civil capacity have suffered or are suspected of suffering domestic violence. Public security organs shall keep confidential the identity of case reporters.

Article 35: Where a school, kindergarten, medical institution, residents' committee, villagers' committee, social service agency, aid management agency, welfare agency and its staff members fail to report a case to a public security organ in accordance with Article 14 herein, resulting in serious consequences, the person directly in charge and other persons subject to direct liabilities shall be given disciplinary sanctions pursuant to the law by the relevant superior competent department or their own employer. Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, (2015) Anti-domestic Violence Law of the People's Republic of China. Order No.37 of the President, PRC.

THE CRIMINAL LAW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Chapter IV: Article 234, 235, 236 and 260

Chapter IV outlines "Crimes of infringing upon citizens' right of the person and democratic rights".

Article 234: Whoever intentionally inflicts injury upon another person shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not more than three years, criminal detention or public surveillance.

Article 235: Whoever negligently injures another person and causes severe injury to the person shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not more than three years or criminal detention, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Law.

Article 236: Whoever rapes a woman by violence, coercion or any other means shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not less than three years but not more than 10 years. Whoever has sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 14 shall be deemed to have committed rape and shall be given a heavier punishment.

Article 260: Whoever maltreats a member of his family, if the circumstances are flagrant, shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not more than two years, criminal detention or public surveillance.

Whoever commits the crime mentioned in the preceding paragraph and causes serious injury or death to the victim shall be sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of not less than two years but not more than seven years. The crime mentioned in the first paragraph of this Article shall be handled only upon complaint.

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: Part 1: Article 19 and 34

Article 19: Protection from abuse and neglect

1. States parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.
2. Such protective measures should, as appropriate, include effective procedures for the establishment of social programmes to provide necessary support for the child and for those who have the care of the child, as well as for other forms of prevention and for identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow-up of instances of child maltreatment described heretofore, and, as appropriate, for judicial involvement.

Article 34: Protection from sexual exploitation

States parties undertake to protect the child from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. For these purposes, states parties shall in particular take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent:

- (a) The inducement or coercion of a child to engage in any unlawful sexual activity;
- (b) The exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices;
- (c) The exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials.