

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

It is the policy of the Board of Education that this school District complies with the Child Protection Act.

To that end, any school official or employee who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, as defined by statute, shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the appropriate county department of social services or local law enforcement agency.

Reports of child abuse or neglect, the name and address of the child, family or informant or any other identifying information in the report shall be confidential and shall not be public information.

The Board shall provide periodic inservice programs for all teachers in order to provide them with information about the Child Protection Act, to assist them in recognizing and reporting instances of child abuse and to instruct them on how to assist victims and their families.

School employees and officials shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect. It is not the responsibility of the school official or employee to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

The Superintendent shall submit such procedures as are necessary to the Board for approval to accomplish the intent of this policy.

LEGAL REFS: CRS 19-1-120 (1) (a)
CRS 19-3-304
CRS 19-3-307
CRS 19-3-309
CRS 22-32-109 (1) (z)

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****NOTE**** The fourth section of the law cited above, grants that school employees and other persons who report or facilitate investigation of instances of child abuse immunity from any liability that might otherwise be incurred, except for making maliciously false statements.