



Policy of the Board of Trustees

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REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

If a staff member suspects that a child is being abused or neglected, a report will be made immediately to Division of Children Youth and Family Services (DCYF) and second notification to the Principal that a report has been made.

The Principal will notify the Board of Trustees and will report to the office as required by law.

All school employees having reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected shall report to DCYF the same as required by law.

An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone and followed within forty-eight (48) hours by a report in writing, if so requested, by DCYF Central Intake. Such report shall, if known, contain the following:

1. the name and address of the child suspected of being neglected or abused;
2. the person responsible for the child's welfare;
3. the specific information indicating neglect or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries);
4. the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse; and
5. any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required by the DCYF.

Staff training is recommended at the school level on an annual basis.

Reporting Child Abuse and Background Checks (Chapter 245) Effective September 16, 2017, RSA 189:72 is added to require each public school and public chartered school to post a sign in a clearly visible location accessible to students containing information on how to report child abuse or neglect to the division for children, youth and families

LEGAL REF: RSA 169-C:29
RSA 169-C:30
RSA 169-C:34, III
RSA 169-C:31
RSA 189:72

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