

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Student Health and Welfare – 450

Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect (454)

In accordance to state law, school district teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, and all district personnel having reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen in the course of professional duties, has been abused or neglected or having reason to believe that a child has been threatened with an injury and abuse will occur, are required to immediately contact the appropriate county agency and inform the agency of the facts and circumstances which led to the reporting. Upon notification to the appropriate county agency, the individual filing the report will contact and inform the building principal immediately. The person making the report will then write down the facts and this will then be given to the building principal and filed. The written file will remain confidential.

If a student is suspected of being a perpetrator in an abusive situation, administration will report the incident to local law enforcement, contact the perpetrator's parent(s)/guardian, and enact disciplinary procedures.

Failure to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect by mandatory reporters is punishable by a fine, jail sentence, or both.

Legal Reference: Section 48.02, 48.981 Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: Policy 447 – Student Discipline
Policy 447.3 – Student Suspension
Policy 447.4 – Student Expulsion

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