

JLF - REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

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Any school employee having reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected shall immediately report his/her suspicions to the building Director or Student Services. The Director or Student Services (or a designee) shall then immediately notify the appropriate state officials at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children Youth and Family (DCYF). If the report is made by the Guidance Office, the reporting counselor will inform the Director or a designee.

An intake report shall be made by the Director or Student Services to DCYF within 24 hours. The report should contain the name and address of the child suspected of being abused or neglected, the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating neglect/abuse or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries), the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse, and any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Board recommends regular training for all employees or information on how to identify child abuse and neglect. Charter School will provide information on how to identify child abuse and serious neglect.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(10), Reporting of Suspected Abuse or Neglect

RSA 169-C:29, Persons Required to Report

RSA 169-C:30, Nature and Content of Report

RSA 169-C:31, Immunity from Liability

RSA 169-C:34, III, Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services

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