

Concord School District Policy #537*
Child Abuse and Neglect

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 Principal. The reporting employee shall then immediately notify the appropriate state officials at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). The Principal will then notify the Superintendent that such a report to NH DHHS has been made.

A written report to NH DHHS shall be made by the reporting employee within twenty-four (24) hours if requested by state officials at the time of the oral report. 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 NH DHHS.

The School Board recommends all District employees receive routine training or information on how to identify child abuse and neglect.

The Principal or Administrator of each school shall post a sign in a public area within the school that is readily accessible to students, in the form provided by NH DHHS, Division for Children, Youth and Families, that contains instructions on how to report child abuse or neglect, including the phone number for filing reports and information on accessing the Division's website.

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

RSA 189:72, Child Abuse or Neglect Information

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* Also Policy #432

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