

REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

The School Board is concerned with the physical and mental well-being of all children and will cooperate in the identification and reporting of suspected cases of child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

If a staff member has reason to believe that a student is the victim of child abuse or neglect, that staff member shall immediately make an oral report to the Department of Child Services (DCS) or local law enforcement. After the report is made, the staff member shall immediately notify the building administrator if the building administrator was not with the staff member when the report to DCS or law enforcement was made. If appropriate, the building administrator may also immediately report to the Superintendent or designee.

Information concerning alleged abuse or neglect of a student is confidential information and is not to be shared with anyone other than the administration or the reporting agency.

The Board requires that each Corporation employee who is likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of his/her employment attend or participate in training on child abuse and neglect, including:

- training on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect under I.C. 31-33-5; and
- training on recognizing possible signs of child abuse or neglect

at least once every two (2) years.

In accordance with Indiana statute, not later than December 15, 2018 and annually thereafter, the Corporation shall provide age appropriate and research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. This instruction may be delivered by a school safety specialist, school counselor, or any person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child sexual abuse.

A staff member who violates this policy in any way may be subject to disciplinary action.

I.C. 31-33-1 et seq.

I.C. 20-26-5-35.5

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation, Hancock County

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