

BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT DEFINITIONS

Abuse includes physical injury, sexual abuse as defined below and conduct causing emotional damage.

Physical injury means injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means. Physical injury includes, but is not limited to, lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm.

Sexual abuse means:

1. Sexual intercourse or sexual assault
2. Sexual exploitation of a child
3. Permitting, allowing or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution
4. Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity
5. Causing a child to expose genitals or pubic area or exposing genitals or pubic area to a child.

Emotional damage means harm to a child's psychological or intellectual functioning. Emotional damage may be exhibited by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or aggression, substantial and observable change in the child's behavior or in emotional responses or learning incompatible with the child's age or stage of development.

Neglect is the failure, refusal or inability by the child's parent/guardian, legal custodian or other person exercising temporary or permanent control over the child, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child.