

	<b>ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NEPN Code: JLF-R</b>
	<b>POLICIES AND REGULATIONS</b>	

## **CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT REPORTING REGULATIONS**

1. The teacher or school employee who has knowledge of or reason to suspect child abuse or neglect shall report this to his/her Principal, immediate supervisor, or school's counselor.
2. The School Principal or designee will promptly report the suspected abuse or neglect orally to the Department of Social Services and the Aberdeen Police Department.
3. The Suspected Child Abuse Referral Form shall be completed by the individual making the report and forwarded to the Superintendent's office within 24 hours.
4. The Superintendent or his/her designee will forward a copy of the Suspected Child Abuse Referral Form to the Captain of the Police Department, to the States Attorney's Office, and to the Department of Social Services.
5. A school nurse is available to make an assessment of the child with suspected physical abuse or neglect.
6. In order to protect the child, any contact with the parents or guardian of the child shall originate with the Department of Social Services or Aberdeen Police Department.

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