

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SRSD File: JLF

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

Statement of Purpose

It is the intention of the Sanborn Regional School District to comply with the requirements of RSA 169-C in reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. Further, it is our intention to cooperate with the NH Division for Children and Youth Services child protection social workers, and law enforcement agencies in the course of investigations into alleged child abuse or neglect as outlined in RSA 169-C.

Statement of Policy

Any school employee who suspects that a student may be abused or neglected shall consult with the school principal or designee. The school principal or designee shall then report such suspicion immediately by phone to the regional intake unit of the Division for Children and Youth Services. If requested, a written report must be sent to the district office of the Division of Children and Youth Services within forty-eight (48) hours.

If a school employee is suspected of abusing a student, the principal and individual will report the suspicion to the Division for Children and Youth Services. The principal, in turn, will inform the Superintendent of Schools. If the principal is the suspected abuser, the school employee will inform the Superintendent of Schools. Together, they will report to the Division of Children and Youth Services.

The oral and written reports should contain the following information, if known:

- a. Name and address of the child suspected of being abused or neglected.
- b. Name, address and telephone number of the parents or persons caring for the child.
- c. The specific information and observations indicating neglect or the nature and extend of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries).
- d. The identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse.
- e. The names of siblings and the schools they attend.
- f. Any history of concern about the child.
- g. Any indication that the child may be in imminent danger.

A copy of the written report shall be kept in a confidential file in the principal's office, apart from the student's academic or counseling files. In the case where a school employee is suspected of abusing a student, a copy of the written report shall be sent to the Superintendent of Schools.

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

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