

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

It is the policy of the Pleasanton School District that any teacher or other school employee who suspects that a child's physical or mental health or welfare may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect shall report to the school administrator who shall then call the Police Department and give the following information: Name, address and age of student; name and address of parent or guardian; nature and extent of injuries or description of neglect; any other information that might help establish the cause of the injuries or condition.

School employees shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect.

It is not the responsibility of the school employee to prove that the child has been abused or neglected, or to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

Any personal interview or physical inspection of the child shall be conducted in a professional manner.

Abuse or neglect shall mean knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child to be:

1. Placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health;
2. Cruelly confined or cruelly punished;
3. Deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or care;
4. Left unattended in a motor vehicle if such minor child is six years of age or younger;
5. Placed in a situation to be sexually exploited by allowing, encouraging, or forcing such minor child to solicit for or engage in prostitution, debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; or
6. Placed in a situation to be sexually abused as defined in Neb. Statutes 28-319 or 28-320.01.

The teacher or other employee's report to the administrator shall be oral followed by a written report. The administrator's report to the Police Department shall be by telephone or personal visit followed by a written report if requested.

Any person participating in an investigation or making a report pursuant to the provisions of Section 28-1501 to 28-1508 or participating in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, except for maliciously false statements.

Failure to report may result in disciplinary action against the employee or a misdemeanor charge or both.

Records concerning reports of suspected abuse or neglect are confidential. Anyone who

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