

JGEB CHILD ABUSE

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Any employee of the district who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect will immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Kansas Protection Reporting Center

School employees will 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 employees to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

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To comply with the child abuse law, any teacher or other school employee who suspects that a child's physical or mental health or welfare is being adversely affected by abuse or neglect will immediately report such suspicions in the following manner:

Emergency Situations

An emergency situation includes, but is not limited to, life threatening situations, reports of sexual abuse, obvious physical impairment, marks of abuse or overt behavior changes.

The person suspecting abuse or neglect will report to the principal who shall notify and confer with the school's social worker, guidance counselor or psychologist, if any, concerning the report before notifying the Kansas Protection Reporting Center. If the school counselor, social worker or psychologist is not available, the Kansas Protection Reporting Center shall be called.

Nonemergency Situations

The person suspecting abuse or neglect shall report suspicions to the principal. The principal will confer with the school's social worker, guidance counselor or psychologist, if any, and notify the Kansas Protection Reporting Center.

As much of the following information shall be given by the initial reporter: name, address and age of the student; name and address of the parents or guardians; nature and extent of injuries or description of neglect or sexual abuse; and any other information that might help establish the cause of the child's condition.

Any personal interview or physical inspection of the child by any school employee shall be conducted in an appropriate manner with an adult witness present.

An oral report to the principal must be made as soon as possible and will be followed by a written report.

In Kansas, anyone making a report in accordance with state law or participating in a resulting judicial proceeding is presumed to be acting without malice and in good faith and, in so doing, is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be imposed.

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