

Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) complies with the Child Protection Act.

To that end, any District official or employee 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, as defined by statute, shall immediately upon receiving such information report or cause a report to be made to the appropriate county department of social services or local law enforcement agency. Failure to report promptly may result in civil and/or criminal liability. A person who reports child abuse or neglect in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability.

Reports of child abuse or neglect, the name and address of the child, family or informant, or any other identifying information in the report shall be confidential and shall not be public information.

The District shall provide periodic training for employees in order to provide them with information about the Child Protection Act, to assist them in recognizing and reporting instances of child abuse, and to instruct them on how to assist victims and their families. Employees shall follow established District procedures.

District employees and officials shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause or to investigate the suspected abuse or neglect. It is not the responsibility of the District or its employees to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

Adopted October 23, 2018, by the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

- C.R.S. § 19-1-103(1) (*definition of child abuse or neglect*)
- C.R.S. § 19-3-102 & 103 (*definition of neglected or dependent child*)
- C.R.S. § 19-3-304 (*persons required to report abuse*)
- C.R.S. § 19-3-307 (*reporting procedures*)
- C.R.S. § 19-3-309 (*immunity from liability for persons reporting*)
- C.R.S. § 22-32-109(1)(z) (*providing inservice for teachers*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

GBEB: Staff Conduct



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GBGB: Staff Personal Security and Safety