

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board that any employee who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be suffering or may have suffered abuse and/or neglect shall report to the appropriate authority. The reporting requirements under the Child, **Youth** and Family Services Act or successor Act shall be met.

Rationale

Because of their close contact with children employees may be in a position to help identify children who are being abused and/or neglected and report it to the appropriate authorities.

Guidelines

1. The employee who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be suffering or may have suffered abuse and/or neglect shall report the suspicion to the Child, **Youth** and Family Services Agencies and inform the principal or designate of the referral forthwith.
2. The reporting procedure will be in accordance with the Joint Protocol for Student Achievement (JPSA) – Appendix 1 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Protocol.

Cross Reference:
Policy 301, Police Initiated Interviews with Students
Policy 321, Safe and Supportive Schools

1. Joint Protocol for Student Achievement (JPSA) – Appendix 1 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Protocol
2. Child, Youth & Family Services Act

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