

CHILD PROTECTION PROTOCOL

Background

The District believes that all students have the right to a safe supportive environment free from abuse and neglect. There is a shared responsibility on the part of all who come in contact with students to recognize and sensitively handle problems and symptoms of abuse and neglect.

The Child, Family and Community Service Act requires anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be at risk has legal duty to make a report to a child welfare worker or directly to the police if a child is in immediate danger.

Procedures

1. District Employees will work in active cooperation with concerned agencies. Principals shall be required to review the [BC Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) in September.
2. It is the responsibility of employees to:
 - 2.1. Promptly report suspected child abuse and neglect to the appropriate agency (as per the School District protocol);
 - 2.2. Collaborate with community agencies;
 - 2.3. Support students who have been abused or neglected
3. The District will ensure that staff training in regard to prevention and response will be provided annually.

Reference: Sections 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 65, 79, 85, 177 School Act
Section 13, 14 Child, Family and Community Services Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Section 32.2 Health Profession Act
Section 27.1 Teacher Profession Act
Criminal Code of Canada
[B.C. Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect –For Service Providers, 2007](#)
BCTF Code of Ethics
Responding to Child Welfare Concerns, 2007
[Responding to Child Welfare Concerns – Your Role in Knowing When and What to Report](#)
Delegated Indigenous Child and Family Services Agency Protocol
Criminal Code of Canada

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