

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHILD ABUSE

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- 7270.1 An abused child is one who exhibits evidence of serious physical or mental injury, neglect or sexual abuse as defined in the Child Protective Services Law, Act 124 of 1975, as amended by Act 136 of 1982, provided that the physical or mental injury cannot be explained by medical history as being accidental, or the injury, abuse, or neglect is caused by acts or omissions by the child's parents or persons responsible for the welfare of the child.
- 7270.2 All members of the school faculty and staff are responsible to report any suspected cases of child abuse.
- 7270.3 Reports of suspected cases of child abuse are to be made to the building principal and/or the school nurse at once.
- 7270.4 The school nurse shall see the child to determine if there is a need for immediate medical attention.
- 7270.5 The principal and/or the school nurse will notify Adams County Child Welfare Services and Child Line by telephone immediately and in writing within 48 hours after the oral report.
- 7270.6 A copy of the written report will be filed in the Superintendent's office.
- 7270.7 The person making a referral will follow-up by contacting Children and Youth within 45 days to determine disposition of the case. That information will be shared with the building principal and the Superintendent's office.
- 7270.8 Any person who willfully fails to report a suspected child abuse case is subject to penalty of law.
- 7270.9 Any person who in good faith, reports a suspected case of child abuse, in cooperation with an investigation, shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise result by reason of such actions.

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