STUDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

A. The Michigan Child Protection Law requires the reporting of child abuse and neglect by certain persons (mandated reporters) and permits the reporting of child abuse and neglect by all persons.

B. Mandated reporters include school administrators, school counselors, teachers, social workers, nurses, audiologists, and psychologists. Mandated reporters are always required to report suspected child abuse and neglect to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

C. The law requires mandated reporters to make an immediate verbal report to MDHHS upon suspecting child abuse and/or neglect, followed by a written report within seventy-two (72) hours.

D. Mandated reporters must also notify their immediate supervisor of the report. Reporting the suspected allegations of child abuse and/or neglect to a supervisor does not fulfill the requirements to report directly to MDHHS.

E. All other employees not considered mandatory reporters, who suspect child abuse and/or neglect shall immediately report such case to his/her supervisor who shall, in turn, immediately notify the MDHHS.

F. Information on reporting requirements along with reporting form and contact information for MDHHS can be found on the District's webpage.

LEGAL CITATION:
M.C.L. 400.11 et seq.
M.C.L. 722.621 et seq.
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MSU Chances at Childhood Program "School Personnel Guide for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect"

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