

## **PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Students Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect**

The Board of Education recognizes its legal and ethical obligation in the reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect. Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, require any certified personnel, principals, guidance counselors, school paraprofessionals, coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics as well as licensed nurses, psychologist and social workers who have reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused, neglected or placed in imminent risk of serious harm, to report such abuse and/or neglect or risk.

Furthermore, the Board of Education requires all personnel who have reasonable cause or believe that a child has been abused, neglected, or placed in imminent danger of serious harm to report such cases to the building principal or his/her designee or other professional staff, who must then proceed in accordance with the law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

In accordance with the mandates of the law and consistent with its philosophy, the Board in establishing this policy directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop and formalize the necessary rules and regulations to comply fully with the intent of the law.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
17a-101 Protection of children from abuse. Report required of certain professional persons. When child may be removed from surroundings without court order. (as amended by PA 96-246, PA 00-220, PA 02-106, and PA 02-138)  
17a-101a Report of abuse or neglect by mandated reports (as amended by PA 02-106)  
17a-102 Report of danger of abuse (as amended by PA 02-106)  
17a-106 Cooperation in relation to prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse/neglect.  
10-151 Teacher Tenure Act

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