

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

PURPOSE:

This Administrative Regulation is established in compliance with the North Kingstown School Committee Policy of the same name and coding, and sets forth the procedures for implementation of said policy.

REGULATION STIPULATIONS:

Any employee of the North Kingstown Public Schools who suspects child abuse, sexual abuse, and/or neglect will utilize the procedures as outlined below:

1. Any person who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected will immediately inform the building principal or his/her designee and together they will contact DCYF. Said report shall be made within 24 hours.
2. The principal or designee will notify the school nurse-teacher, social worker or guidance counselor as appropriate, for the purpose of documenting any signs of physical or sexual abuse. (Note: This documentation will not become part of the permanent health records.)
3. The Following information will be shared with the Department of Children, Youth and Families:
 - a. The name, address, age and sex of the child.
 - b. The name and address of the child's parents or other person(s) responsible for the child's care.
 - c. The name and address of the person allegedly responsible for the abuse and neglect, if known.
 - d. The name of the siblings who may be in danger, if known.
 - e. The nature and extent of injuries and/or neglectful condition(s) or a description of them.
 - f. Any other information necessary to protect the health and welfare of the child.
4. In all cases, the initiator of the report shall either ascertain that a report has been made, or make the report him/herself as required by 40-11-3.
5. The Principal will complete the approved form, maintain the original in his/her office, and forward a copy to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and the Superintendent's office.

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