



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING

The teachers, counselors, speech therapists, psychologists, nurses, administrators, and School Board of the Mineral Point School System believe that the education and welfare of children shall be of the highest priority. Therefore, in cases where the family unit has some internal problems that may reflect upon the child's welfare, the schools will intervene in a supportive and/or advocate role on behalf of the child.

School personnel recognize their obligation in accordance with state law to report all cases of suspected abuse or neglect to appropriate authorities for investigation.

When reporting cases of suspected abuse or neglect, in good faith, school personnel shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results from this action. In addition, should the staff member be subpoenaed to appear in court, their expenses shall be paid by the school district.

Anyone knowingly or willfully violating state law regarding mandated reporters may be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

The school administration shall develop a reporting procedure which shall be communicated to the staff annually.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 48.981 (2)

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