

BP 5141.4 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Abuse and neglect affects the well-being of students. ~~With concern for the well-being of each student,~~ Teachers, school administrators, paid athletic coaches and volunteers who interact with children in a school for more than four (4) hours a week shall be trained on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect in accordance with state law. An athletic coach who is an unpaid volunteer is not required to report child abuse or neglect unless the coach volunteers for more than 4 hours a week for 4 consecutive weeks, or for 20 hours a week in a one-month period, has received training, and signed a form acknowledging the obligation to report. District employees shall cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating, and prosecuting cases of child abuse.

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)

(cf. 5141.42 - Professional Boundaries for staff and students)

The district shall provide notice of child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training to all public and private schools in the district, in addition to the training set forth in BP/AR 5141.42, *Professional Boundaries for staff and students*. All mandatory reporters, including qualifying volunteers, are invited to participate in the training at no cost.

In addition to the required training above, the Superintendent or designee may invite classified personnel who have regular contact with students to participate in child abuse and neglect training. Classified personnel should immediately report instances of suspected child abuse or neglect to the site administrator.

Note: Pursuant to AS 47.17.068, failing to report child abuse or neglect mandated by law is a misdemeanor if the person knew or should have known that circumstances gave rise to the need for a report.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.08.111](#) *Duties (Regional school boards)*

[14.14.090](#) *Additional duties*

[18.66.310](#) *Continuing education for public employees, court system employees, and for prosecuting authorities*

[47.17.010-47.17.070](#) *Child protection*

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