Students

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CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Note: AS 14.08.111 and AS 14.14.090 require districts to provide mandatory reporters training in the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Pursuant to AS 47.17.020, teachers, school administrators, and paid athletic coaches are mandated to report child abuse and neglect.

With concern for the well-being of each student, teachers, school administrators, and paid athletic coaches shall be trained on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect in accordance with state law. District employees shall cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse.

Note: Many school employees may encounter child abuse and neglect. The following optional language expands the number of school employees offered training in child abuse recognition and reporting. It may be revised or deleted as desired.

In addition to the required training provided 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
47.17.010-47.17.070 Child protection

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