

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

Any employee in the School District of Brodhead having reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected, or having reason to believe that child has been threatened with an injury and that abuse will occur, shall immediately contact the county social services department or the county sheriff or city police, and inform the agency of the facts and circumstances which leads to the filing of the report.

School personnel shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of any suspected abuse or neglect. County agencies may contact, observe or interview a child at school without permission from the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, if necessary to determine if a child is in need of protection or services.

No District employee shall be discharged from employment for making such a report. In addition, state law guarantees immunity from any civil or criminal liability that may result from making a report on child abuse or neglect, and provides for the protection of the identity of any individual who makes such a report.

Failure to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect is punishable by a fine and/or jail sentence.

The School District shall not discriminate on the basis of any protected category under State or Federal law.

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