

Series 5000 – Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

D. Welfare

(1) School Medical Advisor

(j) Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault

Connecticut General Statute Section 71a-101 et seq. requires all school employees who have reasonable cause to suspect or believe (1) that any child under eighteen has been abused or neglected, has had a non-accidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with the history given of such injury, or has been placed in imminent risk of serious harm, or (2) that any person who is being educated by the Technical Education and Career System or a local or regional board of education, other than as part of an adult education program, is a victim of sexual assault, and the perpetrator is a school employee, to report such suspicions to the appropriate authority. In furtherance of this statute and its purpose, it is the policy of the Suffield Board of Education to report suspected abuse and/or neglect, non-accidental physical injury, imminent risk of serious harm, or sexual assault of a student by a school employee, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Administrative Regulation 5151.4.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6 – Personnel Records)

Legal References:	Connecticut General Statutes	
	Section 10-151	Employment of teachers. Definitions. Tenure. Notice and hearing on failure to renew or termination of contract. Appeal.
	Section 10-221s	Posting of Careline telephone number in schools. Investigations of child abuse and neglect. Disciplinary action.
	Section 17a-101 <u>et seq.</u>	Protection of children from abuse. Mandated reporters. Educational and training programs. Model mandated reporting policy.
	Section 17a-101q	Statewide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program.
	Section 17a-103	Reports by others. False reports. Notifications to law enforcement agency.
	Section 46b-120 Section 53a-65	Definitions. Definitions.

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