

## CHILD ABUSE

Any school teacher, counselor, nurse or school official having reasonable cause to suspect that a student under 18 years of age has been starved, neglected, physically abused or subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect shall immediately notify the building principal or superintendent.

Upon receipt of information concerning suspected neglect or abuse, the principal or superintendent shall notify immediately by telephone either the States Attorney's Office, the Department of Social Services, the County Sheriff or the City Police and apprise them of the suspected neglect/abuse situation, and document in writing the officials contacted and the nature of the contact.

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### Legal Reference:

SDCL 26-8A-3 – Persons required to report child abuse or neglected child—  
Intentional failure as misdemeanor.

SDCL 26-8A-6 – Report of abuse or neglect by hospital personnel—Failure as  
misdemeanor—Written policy required.

SDCL 26-8A-7 – Child abuse or neglect reports by school personnel—Failure as  
misdemeanor—Written policy required.

SDCL 26-8A-8 – Oral report of abuse or neglect—To whom made—Response  
report.

SDCL 26-8A-9 – Investigation of oral report—Other action permitted—  
Appointment of attorney—Compensation.

SDCL 26-8A-10 – Report to social services—Content.

SDCL 26-8A-13 – Confidentiality of abuse or neglect information—Violation as  
misdemeanor—Release to certain parties.

SDCL 26-8A-14 – Immunity from liability.