

School City of Hobart Bylaws & Policies

8462 - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

As an agency of the State, the School Board is concerned with the physical and mental well-being of the children of this Corporation and will cooperate in the identification and reporting of cases of child abuse in accordance with law.

Each staff member employed by this Corporation shall be responsible for reporting immediately every case, whether ascertained or suspected, of abuse, abandonment, cruelty, or neglect resulting in physical or mental injury to a student by other than accidental means. The staff member or appropriate administrator, in the presence of the staff member if possible, shall immediately call the Division of Children and Family Services or Hobart Police and shall secure prompt medical attention for any such injuries reported.

Information concerning alleged child abuse of a student is confidential information and is not to be shared with anyone other than the administration or the reporting agency. A staff member who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Building administrators should be mindful of the possibility of physical or mental abuse inflicted by a staff member. Any such instances, real or alleged, should be dealt with in accordance with the administrative guidelines established by the Superintendent.

I.C. 31-33-1 et seq.