

REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

Litchfield Board of Education, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §17a-101, as amended requires any school employee or contractor who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused, neglected, or placed in imminent risk of serious harm to report such abuse and/or neglect.

An oral report by telephone or in person shall be made within 12 hours to the Commissioner of Children and Families if the child is under the age of 18 and to the police if the child is over the age of 18, and to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee followed within 48 hours by a written report.

The Superintendent shall maintain records of allegations, investigations and reports that a child has been abused or neglected by a school employee. Such records will be maintained in the District's Central Office. The records shall include any reports made to the Department of Children and Families. Such Department is to have access to all such records.

Reporting suspected abuse and/or neglect of children shall be in accordance with the procedures established and set forth in the Administrative Regulation 5151.4.

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-101 Protection of children from abuse. Reports required of certain professional persons. When child may be removed from surroundings without court order. (as amended by PA 96-246, PA 00-220, PA 02-106, PA 03-168 and PA 09-242)
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-106 Cooperation in relation to prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse/neglect.
PA 96-246 An Act Concerning the Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and the Termination of Parental Rights

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