

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 400

Policy Title . . . REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ABUSE, Code No.454.0
NEGLECT OR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF CHILDREN

Children have a constitutional right to an education. Educators need to be alert to conditions that deny that right. Those engaged in the practice of education are keenly aware of the relationship that exists between a successful school experience and good physical, mental and emotional health.

The Burlington Area School District recognizes its obligation in reporting suspected child abuse, assault and neglect. When there is knowledge of, or reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been assaulted, abused or neglected or reason to believe that a child has been threatened with injury and abuse will occur school personnel must act in accordance with Wisconsin statutes and report incidents to duly constituted authorities.

All BASD and contracted employees will receive the DPI mandated training and attend an annual in-service meeting where the following are reviewed:

- A. The policy and procedures for reporting suspected child abuse/neglect/assault.
- B. Signs and symptoms of abuse/neglect/assault.

All new employees will receive this information at the new staff orientation.

Educational programming dealing with abuse/neglect/assault will be incorporated into the curriculum K-12.

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