

520: CHILD PROTECTION (P)

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POLICY

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring the safety, protection, and well-being of all students in its care.

In accordance with the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA), the Board recognizes its legal and ethical duty to ensure that any concerns regarding possible child abuse or neglect are reported and addressed appropriately.

Under Section 14 of the CFCSA, any person who has reason to believe that a child may need protection is legally required to report that belief promptly to a child welfare worker. This duty applies to all individuals over the age of 19 and cannot be delegated or passed on to another person. Failure to report suspected abuse or neglect is an offence under the Act.

All Board employees and volunteers must follow this legal obligation and the Pacific Rim School District's established procedures for responding to suspected or disclosed cases of child abuse or neglect involving students.

REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

Child, Family and Community Service Act