



1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 The Board believes that children, as a matter of right, should be safe, secure and adequately cared for at home, at school and in the community.
- 1.2 It also recognizes that while parents/guardians have primary responsibility to ensure the welfare of their children, the helping professions and community institutions such as schools, human services, medical services, police and the courts have particular responsibility beyond that of citizens to safeguard children from abuse and neglect.
- 1.3 The Board recognizes that under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, staff are obliged to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to appropriate authorities and, also, to collaborate and cooperate as necessary with Child and Family Services Authority, police and medical services in the investigation of alleged child abuse and neglect.

References: *Admin Practice(s): SS 6 – Agencies Interviewing Students at School*
SS 10 - Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act
Children First Act, 2014
Guide to Education
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)