STUDENTS

Child Abuse

According to Illinois law, a staff member who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be an abused or neglected child must report such a case to the Department of Children and Family Services. In such a situation the staff member shall notify the Superintendent that a report has been made. Traditional considerations of confidentiality shall not constitute grounds for failure to report such cases. The Superintendent shall create a document signed by all District employees notifying them of their responsibilities as set forth in the rules and regulations.

Abuse and neglect are defined by Illinois law but may generally be understood as follows:

1. Abuse is any physical or mental injury or sexual abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by a person who is responsible for the child's health and welfare; and
2. Neglect is abandoning a child, subjecting a child to an environment injurious to his/her welfare or failing to provide the proper support, education or medical or remedial care required by law by one who is responsible for the child's welfare.