

Mounds View Public Schools Ends and Goals Policy

EG-3108 **Maltreatment of Minors**

Mounds View Public Schools will comply with State statutes and regulations regarding the maltreatment of minors.

It is the public policy of this state to protect children whose health or welfare may be jeopardized through physical or sexual abuse and neglect; to strengthen the family and make the home, school and community safe for children by promoting responsible child care in all settings; and to provide, when necessary, a safe, temporary or permanent home environment for physically or sexually abused children.

In addition, it is the policy of this state to require Mounds View Public Schools personnel who know or have reason to believe a child is being physically or sexually abused or neglected in the home, school, and community settings to report it to the local Child Protection Agency or law enforcement agency; to provide for the mandatory reporting of abuse or neglect of children; to require the assessment and investigation of the reports; and to provide protective and counseling services in appropriate cases.

The law spells out procedures for reporting either suspected, knowing or having reason to believe a child is being abused or neglected, and penalties for not reporting, or penalties for not reporting in good faith. Any person, including those voluntarily making reports and those required to make reports, participating in good faith and exercising due care in the making of a report or assisting in an assessment, has immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of his/her action. Any school which permits access by a local welfare agency or local law enforcement agency and assists in good faith in an investigation or assessment has the same immunity. This subdivision does not provide immunity to any person for failure to make a required report, and in fact, any person required to report suspected physical or sexual abuse or neglect who fails to report it will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Regulations developed under this policy are intended to set forth procedures for implementation of this policy pursuant to M.S. 626.556 et. al.

Rationale:

Mounds View Public Schools will report maltreatment of individuals in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws.

Ref:

M.S. 626.556 Reporting of Maltreatment of Minors

Notes:

5146 Maltreatment of Minors (Replaced)

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