

Sparta Area School District

Article 164 - Mandatory Reporting

The Sparta Area School District recognizes its obligation in the detection and reporting of suspected child abuse, assault, and neglect. When there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, sexually assaulted or neglected, school personnel must act in accordance with the requirements of state statute.

Wisconsin statute includes in the definition of child abuse the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine when a child is physically present, when it occurs in a child's home, or when the manufacturing would be seen, smelled or heard by a child.

School staff having 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 an injury and that abuse will occur must report their suspicions immediately to the Monroe County Department of Human Services.

Immediately after making their report to the Monroe County Department of Human Services, the staff member shall notify the building principal that such a report has been made. In the event the principal or his/her designee is not available, the staff member shall notify the Superintendent's office that such a report has been made.

Staff members need not determine for a fact that a child has been assaulted, abused, or neglected. As a matter of policy, if there is any doubt or questions of whether to report such cases, the matter will be resolved in favor of the child and reported to the Monroe County Department of Human Services.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 49.981(1)(2)

Cross Reference:

Adopted:

Revised: February 27, 2007