

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTING

The School Committee recognizes and accepts the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District's responsibility to comply with the Massachusetts Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statute, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 119, Section 51A.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School District recognizes that because of its sustained contact with children under the age of eighteen years, school employees will actively carry out the letter and spirit of the law. It is expected then, that when any staff member in their professional capacity has reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen years is suffering from the effects of any form of child abuse and neglect, that the staff member will report concerns in conformance with the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District's procedures for reporting suspected abuse and/or neglect to the Department of Child and Family Services.

Cross Reference: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 119, Section 51A (Mandated Reporters)

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