

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT

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PHILOSOPHY:

The School District of Lodi recognizes that the most important role of the school in today's society is to provide students with the best possible opportunities for educational success. The district also recognizes that children who are abused and/or neglected not only are harmed physically and emotionally but also educationally. The School District of Lodi establishes the following policy regarding reporting of any threatened or suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance with s.48.981.

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING:

The school District of Lodi requires that all staff members report the following situations or conditions as described in s.48.981, Wis. Stats.:

Anyone having reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected or having reason to believe that a child seen in the course of professional duties has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect will occur shall report. "Abuse" includes, but may not be limited to, physical injury, sexual abuse and conduct causing emotional damage.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Physical injury means injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means. Physical injury includes, but is not limited to, lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising.
2. Sexual abuse includes sexual intercourse or contact, sexual exploitation or permitting or allowing or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution.
3. Emotional damage means harm to a child's psychological or intellectual functioning which is exhibited by observable changes in the child's behavior or in emotional responses or learning incompatible with the child's age or stage of development.
4. Neglect is the refusal or inability by the child's parent, legal guardian, or other person exercising temporary or permanent control over the child, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care, or shelter so

