

Title	CHILD ABUSE AND PROTECTION	Policy No.	5005
Department	LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES		
Reference(s)	Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Proclaimed March 31, 2000) Education Act Ontario College of Teachers Act Reporting Child Neglect and Abuse Procedure	Effective Date	2000 Jun 27

It is the policy of the Board that appropriate procedures are in place to ensure a clear and coordinated response to child protection issues which include abuse, harassment and employee misconduct.

These procedures will reflect the recognition that the majority of perpetrators in child abuse situations are well known to the child and therefore include family members, community volunteers, Board employees and service providers within and outside the school setting.

There will be corresponding procedures relating to hiring, staff training, reporting suspicions of child abuse and neglect, responding to students with special needs, investigating employee misconduct, and cooperating with appropriate investigative agencies. These procedures will support the Board=s commitment to a safe, respectful and nurturing environment.

The Board=s commitment to a coordinated response will also include providing, through its curriculum, programs specifically designed to educate students on personal safety.

Administered By	LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES	Board Resolution No.	69-B Rec.7
Amendment Date(s)	2000 Jun 27	Amendment Resolution No.	