

Holbrook Public Schools

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

The Holbrook Public Schools affirm its responsibility to provide for the safety and well-being of students. This responsibility extends to complying with the Massachusetts Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statute, Chapter 119, Section 51A. The Holbrook Public Schools recognizes that because of its sustained contact with school-age children, school employees will actively carry out the letter and spirit of the law. It is expected then, that when any staff member in his/her 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/or neglect, that the staff member will report their concerns to the building Principal for consideration of reporting to the Department of Social Services.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 119:51A

REF: School Crisis Staff Handbook
Holbrook Public Schools Civil Rights Training Booklet

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