

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

STUDENTS

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELFARE

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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1. Any person employed by the district who reasonably suspects a child may be abused or neglected shall report such suspicion immediately to the appropriate Department of Social Services:

Wood County	at Marshfield	715-387-6374
	at Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-8600 or 715-884-6479 (Courthouse)

The Building Principal or designee must also be notified of such suspicion.

2. In the event of emergency or apparent danger to the child, the local police jurisdiction shall also be notified immediately.
3. Social Services, after investigating the report of suspected abuse or neglect, shall be requested to report to the referral source on the status of the case within two weeks after the initial referral has been made. If the Social Services Unit does not report back within two weeks after the initial referral has been made, the referral source from the school shall make contact with Social Services to determine the status of the case.
4. Person making reports and referrals are immune from civil liability and criminal penalty if such reports or referrals are made in good faith.
5. Failure to make such referral is in violation of state law and is subject to a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment of not more than six months or both.
6. All conditions of the reports, referrals and ultimate disposition of any case shall remain confidential with the district to the extent required by law. No records of any such case shall be maintained by the district.

Reference: WI Statutes, Section 111.32(13)
WI Statutes, Section 111.36
WI Statutes, Section 48.981(1)(2)
2005 Wisconsin Act 113

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