

Procedure

FILE: JL

**STUDENT WELFARE PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT**

Reporting to Authorities – Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

The attached Policy and Procedures reflect the content of Chapter 119 (Sections 51A & B) of the Massachusetts General Laws, which indicates that all professional school employees are "mandated reporters" for cases of suspected child abuse and neglect. I appreciate your strict adherence to the Worcester Public Schools' Policy and Procedures.

The contact agency for reporting cases is:

The Massachusetts Department of Children & Families
13 Sudbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Telephone: (508) 929-2000 8:45 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Child at Risk Hotline: (800) 792-5200 all other times (weekends &

holidays

**REPORTS RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WPS STAFF, SHOULD BE
FAXED TO HUMAN RESOURCES AT 508-799-8280.**