REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION

All Tacoma School District employees, both certified and classified, who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered from abuse or neglect, including physical injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or negligent treatment or maltreatment, shall report such incident. The employee shall ensure that a report is made to the proper law enforcement authorities or to Children's Protective Services and notification of the report is made to the employee's principal or supervisor. The report shall be made at the first opportunity, but no later than forty-eight hours after there is reasonable cause to believe a child has suffered abuse or neglect.

Legal References:  
RCW 13.34.300 Failure to cause juvenile to attend school as evidence under neglect petition  
26.44.020 Child abuse--Definitions  
26.44.030 Reports--Duty and authority to make--Duty of receiving agency  
26.44.060 Immediately from civil or criminal liability--Confidential communication not violated--Actions against state not affected--False report penalty  
28A.620.010 Community education provisions--Purposes  
28A.620.020 Community education provisions--Restrictions  
43.43.830(6) Background checks--Access to children or vulnerable persons  
AGO 1987, No. 9 Children--Child Abuse--Reporting by School Officials--Alleged Abuse by Student

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