

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

POLICY SERIES 500 - STUDENT PERSONNEL

504	STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY
504.3	Child Abuse Investigations

The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky), recognizes its responsibility for the well-being of all students in its charge and to that end expects all employees to comply with the legal requirement to report suspected cases of child abuse.

Specifically, the legal requirement is as follows. School district personnel who have reasonable grounds for believing a child under 19 years to be in need of protection shall, notwithstanding any claim of confidentiality or privilege claimed through a profession or occupation, except that between solicitor and client, immediately report their suspicions to a social worker in the district of the Ministry of Children and Families or to a social worker receiving reports through the Help Line for Children (Zenith 1234) or to a First Nations Child Welfare agency.

The district rules for reporting suspected cases of child abuse are specified in the Regulation accompanying this Policy.