

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

-POLICY-

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of students within the jurisdiction of School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) by implementing a preventive/awareness program.

The Board requires that suspected cases of neglect or child abuse (physical, emotional or sexual) be dealt with in the prescribed manner.

-REGULATION-

1. Staff shall be made aware of the contents of the *BC Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect for Service Providers* (www.gov.bc.ca/mcf).
2. The school district staff will follow the procedures outlined in the Protocol Agreements for the Communities of Merritt and Princeton.
3. Preventive/awareness programs will be offered in the school district.