

Reporting Child Abuse or Suspected Abuse

Any volunteer who has reason to believe that a child has been subject to abuse or maltreatment must report their suspicion to the principal or other school official. Volunteers must call the Children and Families hot line directly; however the school administration must be informed. The volunteer must call the Department of Children and Families at 1.800.96ABUSE (1.800.962.2873).

The following circumstances should be reported: neglect, malnutrition; sexual abuse; physical injury; mental abuse and/or failure to provide sustenance, clothing, shelter, or medical attention. Failure to report is a misdemeanor of the second degree and is punishable by law.

Reference: Florida Statute 39.201, School Board Policy 8462

Please note: when a student mentions abuse, bullying, suicide or any other very serious situation you are required to report this to the teacher and/or administration.