

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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### REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish the policy of Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) governing the obligations of employees, volunteers, and agents of AACPS and the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to report allegations of child abuse and neglect.

#### B. ISSUE

In accordance with State law, AACPS is obligated to ensure that suspected child abuse and neglect is reported.

#### C. POSITION

1. AACPS and its employees, volunteers, and agents are responsible for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect and shall make such reports in accordance with State law.
2. The failure by an AACPS employee, volunteer, and agent to report suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with State law shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
3. A person who makes a good faith report of suspected child abuse and neglect will be free from any form of harassment or administrative penalty resulting from the report.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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*Note Previous History:* Replaces Policy 904.05, adopted 05/20/91, revised 06/01/94, revised 05/15/07

*Legal References:* Section 6-202 of the Education Article  
Section 5-701 et seq. of the Family Law Article  
Section 1-202 of the Human Services Article  
Section 5-620 of the Judicial Proceedings Article  
Section 5-803 of the Judicial Proceedings Article  
COMAR 13A.08.01.13  
COMAR 13A.12.05