

**REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE
AND/OR NEGLECT**

In accordance with Oklahoma law, teachers are required to report suspected cases of physical abuse or neglect involving students to the county office of the Department of Human Services. The Gore Board of Education fully supports that requirement and has established this policy to facilitate such reporting.

Every teacher, support person, or other employee of this school district shall report any suspected physical abuse or neglect of any school student to the Department of Human Services by telephone followed by a written report. The employee shall also inform the building principal who will advise the superintendent that the report was made.

Persons who make such reports in good faith and who exercise due care and who allow access to a child by persons authorized to investigate such reports shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

REFERENCE:

21 O.S. 1981, Sec. 846 and 847

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy FFGB, Child Abuse Investigations