



Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy

Bridgewater Academy takes seriously the legal responsibility of its personnel to protect the physical and psychological well-being of its students. We believe that the school's personnel have an important role to play in the elimination of child abuse because they are in a unique position to observe children over extended periods of time on a daily basis.

South Carolina law requires that whenever any person, including any school employee, contracted or temporary employee, or volunteer who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to incest, molestation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, he/she shall immediately notify the nearest police officer, law enforcement agency, or the Division of Child Family Service. The law provides serious penalties for failure to fulfill one's duty to report.

The Director shall establish administrative procedures that will comply with the provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 63-7-310; § 63-7-10, et seq. and South Carolina Administrative Rules §63-7-910 help the school's personnel to understand and fulfill their legal responsibilities concerning child abuse.