

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD POLICY

3.40070 BP

REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF MINORS ON CAMPUS

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Consistent with Missouri law, any MCC employee who has reasonable cause to suspect that a minor child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect should all immediately report that suspicion to the Missouri Children's Division Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit or the MCC Police Department and his/her supervisor. MCC police will ensure that a report is made by the observer or another College employee to the Missouri Children's Division Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit in a timely manner.

Abuse is defined as: "...Any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by those responsible for the child's care, custody, and control, except that discipline including spanking, administered in a reasonable manner, shall not be construed to be abuse."

Neglect is defined as: "...Failure to provide, by those responsible for the care, custody, and control of the child, the proper or necessary support, education as required by law, nutrition or medical, surgical, or any other care necessary for the child's well-being.

Reasonable cause does not require that the individual making the observation conduct an investigation prior to making the report of his or her suspicion that a child has been abused or neglected or is at risk of it. Moreover, good faith reporting of suspected abuse or neglect does not subject individuals to liability under Missouri law.

All such reports shall also be reported by the MCC Police Department to the office of the Chancellor and the campus president.

Approved: Board of Trustees
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