



National Collegiate Preparatory (PCHS)

Policy: Faculty and Staff Mandated Reporting

Federal legislation provides a foundation for States by identifying a minimum set of acts or behaviors that define child abuse and neglect. **The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S.C.A. 5106g) as amended by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 defines child abuse and neglect as, at minimum:**

- Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation; or
- An act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk or serious harm.

This definition of child abuse and neglect refers specifically to parents and other caregivers. A "child" under this definition generally means a person who is under the age of 18 or who is not an emancipated minor.

It is the legal and ethical responsibility of all faculty and staff to comply with all mandatory reporting laws, policies and procedures.