

II. PERSONNEL

POLICY #2

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

In compliance with Act 193, SLH 2006, which became law on July 16, 2006, and revised Section 350-1.1 subsection (b) reading as shown below, the Governing Board of Ka'ōhāo Public Charter School adopts the following statement as policy:

All school staff members are mandated reporters and shall report suspicion of child abuse and neglect to the Child Welfare Services (CWS), Department of Human Services, (formerly known as the Child Protective Services, CPS), and shall immediately notify the principal or designee regarding the report made to CWS pursuant to Section 350-1.1, HRS.

In the language of the Act quoted above, staff members are defined as persons working at the school in the following capacities: full-time employees, casual employees, temporary contract employees (TCE), and volunteers.

If a school staff member fails to report suspected abuse or neglect, the individual may face criminal charges amounting to a petty misdemeanor as defined in Section 701-107, HRS. Someone convicted of a petty misdemeanor “may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days and/or a \$1,000 fine.”

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