

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Student Welfare and Compliance – Resources

MCPS maintains the [Child Abuse and Neglect website and FAQ](#) that remain in **full effect** during this time of *Continuity of Learning* through the COVID-19 pandemic. A mandated reporter with information must report suspected abuse and neglect. Should a question arise about the extent of a teacher's responsibility to report an incident or observation related to the student's home that might suggest abuse or neglect, advise your staff member that their obligations under the Employee Code of Conduct, and MCPS Regulation JHC, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, remain the same. Inquiries may be emailed to [SWC@mcpsmd.org](mailto:SWC@mcpsmd.org)

***Immediately report abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults when observed or suspected and do not interfere with the making of reports of abuse or neglect.***

- Step 1: Call **Child Protective Services: 240-777-4417**
- Step 2: Complete Online [Child Abuse & Neglect Online Form](#)
- Step 3: Notify your immediate supervisor of the concern / report

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Quick-Reference Guides and resources for incidents involving Hate-Bias, Bullying, Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment) and Intimidation, and/or Gender Identity can be found in the **Student Welfare and Compliance Google Folder** at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bMYoK4mJyTW1GWB0O2fvsK5BYzUuD2a>

All forms, relevant policies, and contact information are available on the **Student Welfare and Compliance Website** at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/compliance/>

If you become aware of a student expressing suicidal ideation or who is engaged in non-suicidal self-injurious behavior, you are required to follow the MCPS protocol of notifying parents/guardians and completing MCPS Form 335-54: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/335-54.pdf>.



**There are hotlines on mental health issues available for students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:**

- The Montgomery County Hotline: 301-738-2255
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Chat: [suicidepreventionlifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/)
- Safe Schools Maryland Tipline: 833-MD-B-SAFE

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