

WAC 110-150-0070 What health and safety standards and written policies will the monitors be looking for when conducting their health and safety reviews of the school?

Reporting requirements

The health and safety standards that apply to WSD are as follows:

(1) All residential program personnel and volunteer staff at the school must comply with the mandatory reporting requirements of child abuse or neglect, RCW 26.44.020.

(2) The school must comply with all applicable fire marshal and department of health requirements.

Written policies and procedures

(3) The department will be reviewing the written policies and procedures of the school that:

(a) Promote a program aimed at providing personal safety and protection of all students residing at the school;

(b) Provide sufficient staffing levels on all shifts to meet the physical, emotional, and safety needs of all students, as required under RCW 72.40.240;

(c) Implement and maintain effective admission and retention policies that protect all students from sexual victimization, as required under RCW 72.40.270;

(d) Implement and maintain an effective communication system between educational staff and residential staff and parents and/or legal guardians;

(e) Ensure that the residential facility meets all applicable fire and health requirements and promote environmental safety against physical risk or harm to students;

(f) Minimize student-to-student conflict or harm when transporting students;

(g) Conduct and document background and CA/N checks on all staff to determine each employee's suitability for employment at the school (see chapter 110-04 WAC);

(h) Provide all students with training on self-protection from abuse or neglect, as required under RCW 72.40.230 and 72.40.260;

(i) Implement and maintain effective child protection policies that include proper reporting of incidents, notification, documentation, and cooperation with the department and law enforcement;

(j) Describe what procedures staff must follow when they have reason to believe a student may have been abused or neglected, as defined under RCW 26.44.020; and

(k) Maintain adequate documentation of all abuse or neglect incidents.

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