

**16 NCAC 06C .0373 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE BY A
LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

(a) In addition to any duty to report suspected child abuse pursuant to G.S. 115C-400, any superintendent, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, personnel administrator or principal, who knows or has reason to believe that a licensed employee of the local education agency has engaged in behavior that would justify automatic revocation of the employee's license pursuant to G.S. 115C-270.35(b) or involves physical or sexual abuse of a child, shall report that information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction no later than five working days after the date of a dismissal or other disciplinary action or the acceptance of a resignation based upon that conduct.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "physical abuse" shall mean the infliction of physical injury other than by accidental means and other than in self-defense. The term "sexual abuse" shall mean the commission of any sexual act upon a student or causing a student to commit a sexual act, regardless of age of the student and regardless of the presence or absence of consent.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115C-12; 115C-268.1; 115C-268.5; 115C-270.5; 115C-270.20; 115C-270.35;
115C-400;
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