

441—174.3(232E) Abuse intake process—report of alleged student abuse.

174.3(1) If, during the abuse intake process under Iowa Code chapter 232, subchapter III, part 2, and Iowa Code chapter 235B, an identifiable source reports information that the department, in accordance with department policies and procedures, determines may constitute an allegation of student abuse, the identifiable source shall be referred to the student abuse intake process.

174.3(2) If, during the abuse intake process under Iowa Code chapter 232, subchapter III, part 2, and Iowa Code chapter 235B, the department determines the information reported by an identifiable source does not constitute an allegation of student abuse subject to investigation by the department, the department shall reject the report and may inform the identifiable source of all the following:

- a.* The report is rejected and the basis for the rejection.
- b.* Rejection of the report of alleged student abuse does not preclude other options for reporting, investigation, or disciplinary action for complaints that do not meet the threshold of student abuse, including:
 - (1) Contacting law enforcement.
 - (2) Contacting the county attorney.
 - (3) Contacting private counsel for the purpose of filing a civil suit or complaint.
 - (4) Filing a complaint with the superintendents of the public school district or the authorities in charge of the nonpublic school associated with the school employee allegedly involved in the alleged misconduct or contacting the board of educational examiners, as applicable.

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