

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, inform them of available support resources, and teach them how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse. The curriculum also shall include training in self-protection techniques.

The Superintendent or designee shall seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs. To the extent feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall use these community resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

**Child Abuse Reporting**

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the district has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans*

*33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints*

*44690-44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect*

*44807 Duty concerning conduct of students*

*48906 Notification when student released to peace officer*

*48987 Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents*

*49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment*

*51220.5 Parenting skills education*

PENAL CODE

*152.3 Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act*

*273a Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health*

*288 Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting*

*11164-11174.4 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

*15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

*4650 Filing complaints with CDE, special education students*