

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING PROCEDURES**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Governing Board is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to-child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

(cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Government Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 5141.5 – Mental Health)

(cf. 5141.6 – School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)

Child Abuse Prevention

The district’s instructional program may provide age -appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum which explains students’ right to live free of abuse, includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of available support resources, and teaches students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

The district’s program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student’s parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee may display posters, in areas on campus where students frequently congregate, notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect. (Education Code 33133.5)

In addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

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

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Child Abuse Reporting

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

(cf.4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 – Professional Standards)

(cf. 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment)

Cf. 5145.71 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive plan. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)

District 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regard the duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE:

215.5	Student Identification cards with National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number
32280-32289.5	Comprehensive school safety plans
33133.5	Posters of telephone numbers for students to report child abuse or neglect
33195	Heritage Schools, mandated reporters
33308.1	Guidelines on procedures for filing child abuse complaints
44252	Teacher credentialing
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

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51900.6 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

340.1 Damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse

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

600-601.2 Referral to school attendance review board; minors habitually disobedient or truant

15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting **CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

4650 Filing complaints with CDE, special education students

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0514.93 Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse by school district employees or other persons against a pupil at school site.

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center:

<http://safestate.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>