



STUDENTS

BOARD POLICY – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

BP 5141.4

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

The County 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.

Child Abuse Prevention

The County Education Office's instructional program may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum, which explains students' rights 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.

The County Education Office's programs 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 County 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)

Child Abuse Reporting

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

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the County Education Office comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

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

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the County Superintendent of Schools or designee to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.”

<p>Federal 42 USC 11434a</p>	<p>Description McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions</p>
<p>Management Resources California Department of Education Publication California Department of Education Publication Court Decision Website Website Website Website</p>	<p>Description Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division California Department of Education, Safe Schools California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form</p>
<p>State 5 CCR 4650 Ed. Code 32280-32289 Ed. Code 33195 Ed. Code 33308.1 Ed. Code 44252 Ed. Code 44691 Ed. Code 44807 Ed. Code 48906 Ed. Code 48987 Ed. Code 49001 Ed. Code 51220.5 Ed. Code 51900.6 Pen. Code 11164-11174.3 Pen. Code 152.3 Pen. Code 273a Pen. Code 288 W&I Code 15630-15637</p>	<p>Description Filing complaints with CDE, special education students School safety plans Heritage schools, mandated reporters Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints Teacher credentialing Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect Duty concerning conduct of students Notification when student released to peace officer Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents Prohibition of corporal punishment Parenting skills education Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting Dependent adult abuse reporting</p>

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