

# Salinas City Elementary School District

Students

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## **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.

## **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 instructions 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 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)

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.

## **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.

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

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 regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

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<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 3200-3205	Special education compliance complaints
Code of Civil Procedure 340.1	Damages suffered as result of childhood sexual abuse
Ed. Code 215.5	Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	School safety plans
Ed. Code 33133.5	Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect
Ed. Code 33195	Heritage schools; mandated reporters
Ed. Code 33308.1	Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints
Ed. Code 44252	Teacher credentialing
Ed. Code 44691	Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect
Ed. Code 44807	Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students
Ed. Code 48906	Notification when student released to peace officer
Ed. Code 48987	Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents
Ed. Code 49001	Prohibition of corporal punishment
Ed. Code 51220.5	Parenting skills education
Ed. Code 51900.6	Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
Pen. Code 152.3	Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act
Pen. Code 273a	Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health
Pen. Code 286	Crime of sodomy
Pen. Code 288	Crime of oral copulation
Pen. Code 288	Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting
Pen. Code 289	Crime of sexual penetration
W&I Code 15630-15637	Dependent adult abuse reporting
<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
42 USC 11434a	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions