

**Policy 5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

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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 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 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.

**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 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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### Policy Reference Disclaimers

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

#### State

5 CCR 3200-3205  
Code of Civil Procedure 340.1  
Ed. Code 215.5  
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5  
Ed. Code 33133.5

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 286  
Pen. Code 288  
Pen. Code 288  
Pen. Code 289  
W&I Code 15630-15637

#### Description

Special education compliance complaints  
[Damages suffered as result of childhood sexual abuse](#)  
[Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines](#)  
[School safety plans](#)  
[Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect](#)  
[Heritage schools; mandated reporters](#)  
[Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints](#)  
[Teacher credentialing](#)  
[Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect](#)  
[Teachers' 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 instruction](#)  
[Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#)  
[Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act](#)  
[Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health](#)  
[Crime of sodomy](#)  
[Crime of oral copulation](#)  
[Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting](#)  
[Crime of sexual penetration](#)  
[Dependent adult abuse reporting](#)

**Federal**

42 USC 11434a

**Management Resources**California Department of Education  
PublicationCalifornia Department of Education  
Publication

Court Decision

CSBA Publication

Website

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**Description**

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

**Description**Health Education Framework for California Public Schools,  
Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, May 2019[Health Education Content Standards for California Public  
Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2008](#)

Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020

[Why Schools Hold the Promise for Adolescent Mental  
Health, Governance Brief, May 2019](#)[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services  
California Department of Social Services, Information  
Resources Guide](#)[California Department of Education, Child Abuse Prevention  
Training and Resources](#)[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child  
Welfare Information Gateway](#)[California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse  
Report Form](#)**Cross References****Code**

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