

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 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)

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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)

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 board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

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

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

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

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

Federal References

42 USC 11434a

Description

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

Management Resources References

California Department of Education Publication

California Department of Education Publication

Court Decision

Website

Website

Description

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

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

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway

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Website	California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools

Cross References

	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
4112.6	Personnel Files
4119.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4127	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4131	Staff Development
4212.6	Personnel Files
4219.21	Professional Standards
4219.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4227	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4312.6	Personnel Files
4317.7	Employment Status Reports
4319.21	Professional Standards
4319.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4327	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
5131.7	Weapons And Dangerous Instruments
5141.52	Suicide Prevention
5141.6	School Health Services
5142	Safety
5144	Discipline
5145.11	Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.7	Sexual Harassment Health Education
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6164.2	Guidance/Counseling Services

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