

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (REPORTING PROCEDURES)

With concern for the total well-being of each student, the Governing Board directs the employees of the district to report known or suspected incidences of child abuse in accordance with state law and district regulations. District employees shall cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse.

(cf. 1020 – Youth Services)

This policy and regulation apply to all certificated employees of the district and any other employees designated by law as a "child care custodian" or "health practitioner" as defined by state law. (Penal Code 11165.7 and 11165.8)

(cf. 4112.9 - Signed Statements/Child Abuse Reporting Statements)

The Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations for identifying and reporting child abuse.

The Superintendent shall provide training in child abuse identification and reporting for all certificated personnel.

All employees trained in child abuse identification and reporting shall be given, as a part of that training, written notice of the child abuse reporting requirements and the employees' confidentiality rights. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be provided with appropriate notification of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630 et seq.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans

33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

44690-44691 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

WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CODE

600 et seq. Referral by school attendance review board: minors failing to obey court order

15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650 Filing complaints with California Department of Education, special education students

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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

11165-11165.12 Definitions relating to Child abuse

11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

11172 Exemption from civil or criminal liability resulting from required reporting of known or suspected child abuse; failure to report is a misdemeanor

111724.3 Interviewing victim at school

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

0514.93 Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse

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://www.childwelfare.gov>