

Students

**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/designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent/designee shall seek to incorporate community resources into the District's child abuse prevention programs. To the extent feasible, the Superintendent/designee shall use these community resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

Child Abuse Reporting

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the District has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent/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)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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/designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans

33195 Heritage Schools, mandated reporters

33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

44252 Teacher Credentialing

44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect

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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  
51220.5 Parenting skills education  
51900.6 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention

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  
11164-11174.43 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650 Filing complaints with CDE, special education students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

COURT DECISIONS

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

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office Suspected Child Abuse Report Form:

[http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss\\_8572.pdf](http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf)

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/ap>

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

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

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/can>

Policy

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