

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Board of Trustees 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)

*State*

5CCR 4650: Filing complaints with CDE, special education students  
Ed. Code 32280-32289: School safety plans  
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: Information on detection of child abuse  
Ed. Code 44807: Duty concerning conduct of students  
Ed. Code 48906: Notification of release of student to peace officer  
Ed. Code 48987: Child abuse guidelines  
Ed. Code 49001: Prohibition of corporal punishment  
Ed. Code 51220.5: Parenting skills and education  
Ed. Code 51900.6: Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention  
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: Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health  
Pen. Code 288: Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting  
W&I Code 15630-15637: Dependent adult abuse reporting

*Federal*

42 USC 11434a: Education for homeless children and youths

*Management Resources References*

California Department of Education Publication: 01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015  
Court Decision: A.M. v. Albertsons, LLC, (2009) Cal.App.4th 455  
Website: AASA The School Superintendents Association  
Website: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway  
Website: California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form  
Website: California Department of Education, Safe Schools

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