

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)

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	Description
5 CCR 3200-3205	<u>Special education compliance complaints</u>
Code of Civil Procedure 340.1	<u>Damages suffered as result of childhood sexual abuse</u>
Ed. Code 215.5	<u>Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines</u>
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	<u>School safety plans</u>
Ed. Code 33133.5	<u>Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect</u>
Ed. Code 33195	<u>Heritage schools; mandated reporters</u>
Ed. Code 33308.1	<u>Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints</u>
Ed. Code 44252	<u>Teacher credentialing</u>
Ed. Code 44691	<u>Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect</u>
Ed. Code 44807	<u>Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students</u>
Ed. Code 48906	<u>Notification when student released to peace officer</u>
Ed. Code 48987	<u>Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents</u>
Ed. Code 49001	<u>Prohibition of corporal punishment</u>
Ed. Code 51220.5	<u>Parenting skills education</u>
Ed. Code 51900.6	<u>Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction</u>
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3	<u>Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act</u>
Pen. Code 152.3	<u>Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act</u>
Pen. Code 273a	<u>Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health</u>

Pen. Code 286	Crime of sodomy
Pen. Code 288	Crime of oral copulation
Pen. Code 288	Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting
Pen. Code 289	Crime of sexual penetration
W&I Code 15630-15637	Dependent adult abuse reporting
Federal	Description
42 USC 11434a	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions
Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, May 2019
California Department of Education Publication	Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2008
Court Decision	Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020
CSBA Publication	Why Schools Hold the Promise for Adolescent Mental Health, Governance Brief, May 2019
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Social Services, Information Resources Guide
Website	California Department of Education, Child Abuse Prevention Training and Resources
Website	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway
Website	California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1240	Volunteer Assistance

1312.1	<u>Complaints Concerning District Employees</u>
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1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3-E(1)	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3-E(2)	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1400	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u>
3320	<u>Claims And Actions Against The District</u>
3515.3	<u>District Police/Security Department</u>
3515.3	<u>District Police/Security Department</u>
4112.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4112.9	<u>Employee Notifications</u>
4112.9-E(1)	<u>Employee Notifications</u>
4119.21	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4119.21-E(1)	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4119.23	<u>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
4127	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4127	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4131	<u>Staff Development</u>
4212.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4212.9	<u>Employee Notifications</u>
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4219.21	<u>Professional Standards</u>
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4227	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
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4231	<u>Staff Development</u>
4312.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4312.9	<u>Employee Notifications</u>
4312.9-E(1)	<u>Employee Notifications</u>
4317.7	<u>Employment Status Reports</u>
4319.21	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4319.21-E(1)	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4319.23	<u>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
4327	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4327	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4331	<u>Staff Development</u>
5131	<u>Conduct</u>
5131.7	<u>Weapons And Dangerous Instruments</u>
5131.7	<u>Weapons And Dangerous Instruments</u>
5141.5	<u>Mental Health</u>
5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5145.11	<u>Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement</u>
5145.13	<u>Response To Immigration Enforcement</u>
5145.13	<u>Response To Immigration Enforcement</u>
5145.3	<u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u>
5145.3	<u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u>
5145.7	<u>Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment</u>

5145.7	<u>Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment</u>
5145.71	<u>Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures</u>
5145.71-E(1)	<u>Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures</u>
6142.7	<u>Physical Education And Activity</u>
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6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
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6143	<u>Courses Of Study</u>
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6145.2	<u>Athletic Competition</u>
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6159.4	<u>Behavioral Interventions For Special Education Students</u>
6164.2	<u>Guidance/Counseling Services</u>
6164.5	<u>Student Success Teams</u>
6164.5	<u>Student Success Teams</u>