

Policy 5141.4: Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

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Child Abuse Prevention

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

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

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

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 or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (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

Description

5 CCR 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	Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect
Ed. Code 44807	Duty concerning conduct of students
Ed. Code 48906	Notification when student released to peace officer
Ed. Code 48987	Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents
Ed. Code 49001	Prohibition of corporal punishment
Ed. Code 51220.5	Parenting skills 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 References

42 USC 11434a	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions
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Management Resources References

	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
California Department of Education Publication	Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
Court Decision	Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020
Website	California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division
Website	California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form
Website	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway
Website	California Department of Education, Safe Schools

Cross References

	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
3530	Risk Management/Insurance
4112.6	Personnel Files
4117.7	Employment Status Reports
4119.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4131	Staff Development
4131	Staff Development
4212.6	Personnel Files
4219.21	Professional Standards
4219.21-E(1)	Professional Standards - Code Of Ethics
4219.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4312.6	Personnel Files
4317.7	Employment Status Reports
4319.21	Professional Standards

4319.21-E(1)	Professional Standards
4319.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
5131.7	Weapons And Dangerous Instruments
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5141.52	Suicide Prevention
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5142	Safety
5142	Safety
5144	Discipline
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5145.11	Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.7	Sexual Harassment
5145.7	Sexual Harassment
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6164.2	Guidance/Counseling Services