

Policy 5141.4: Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

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The Governing Board ~~recognizes that~~ is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district ~~has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating and desires to facilitate the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents prevention of and response to~~ child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations develop and implement strategies for use by district employees in identifying preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting such incidents known or suspected

~~The district also has a 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 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 ~~shall include~~ may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. ~~This curriculum shall explain which explains~~ students' right to live free of abuse, ~~inform them includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of the available support resources, and teach them 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 curriculum also addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include training in self-protection techniques the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

~~(cf. 6143 Courses of Study)~~

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

~~(cf. 1020 Youth Services)~~

**Child Abuse Reporting**

~~The Governing 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 known and suspected child abuse and neglect~~ in accordance with law.

~~(cf. 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan)~~

**Employees**

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 ~~know 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~~known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

~~Parents/guardians may file a complaint against a district employee or other person whom they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site. The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians information about reporting procedures in accordance with law.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the ~~reporting~~ duties of ~~district employees~~ mandated reporters as required by law ~~to report suspected child abuse and neglect.~~

~~(cf. 4131—Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231—Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331—Staff Development)~~as specified in  
~~the event that training is not provided to the employees mandated to report child abuse and neglect, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of accompanying administrative regulation. (Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)~~

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#### 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.-

<u>State References</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>5 CCR 4650</u>	<u>Filing complaints with CDE, special education students</u>
<u>Ed. Code 32280-32289</u>	<u>School safety plans</u>
<u>Ed. Code 33195</u>	<u>Heritage schools, mandated reporters</u>
<u>Ed. Code 33308.1</u>	<u>Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints</u>
<u>Ed. Code 44252</u>	<u>Teacher credentialing</u> <u>Ed. Code 44691</u> <u>Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect</u>
<u>Ed. Code 44807</u>	<u>Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students</u>
<u>Ed. Code 48906</u>	<u>Notification when student released to peace officer</u>
<u>Ed. Code 48987</u>	<u>Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents</u>
<u>Ed. Code 49001</u>	<u>Prohibition of corporal punishment</u>
<u>Ed. Code 51220.5</u>	<u>Parenting skills education</u>
<u>Ed. Code 51900.6</u>	<u>Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention</u>
<u>Pen. Code 11164-11174.3</u>	<u>Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act</u>
<u>Pen. Code 152.3</u>	<u>Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act</u>
<u>Pen. Code 273a</u>	<u>Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health</u>

<u>Pen. Code 288</u>	<u>Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting</u>
<u>W&amp;I Code 15630-15637</u>	<u>Dependent adult abuse reporting</u>

<u>Federal References</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>42 USC 11434a</u>	<u>McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions</u>

<u>Management Resources References</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>California Department of Education Publication</u>	<u>Health Education Content Standards for California Public Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve</u>
<u>Schools, California Department of Education Publication</u>	<u>Health Framework for California Public Schools, Grade Twelve</u>
<u>Kindergarten Through Court Decision</u>	<u>Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020</u>
	<u>California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Website</u>

#### Website

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/pluswON4RkFMmyUtC6Ao4cAPA==>

Website California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/f4nIIWcpXtRDJoWTLnOplusYw==>

Website California Department of Education, Safe Schools -  
<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/AxdFslshFpyQ1QP0821fOy9pg==>