

## 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 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 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.

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.

### 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
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
11164-11174.3	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>