



**Chico Unified School District**  
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**Students**

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## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Board of Education recognizes that the district has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

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.

*(cf. 1020 – Youth Services  
cf. 5141.6 – School Health Services)  
cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)*

### **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.

*(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)  
cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

*(cf. 0450 - 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*



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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>