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

Policy Adopted: 02/21/07; 09/02/15
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:
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