



Chico Unified School District

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

The Board of Education 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 may develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse, assault, 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

Any instructional program on child abuse may include annual instruction on sexual abuse and assault, and human trafficking prevention, including instruction on the prevalence and nature of abuse, including sexual abuse and assault and human trafficking, strategies to reduce risk, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance. (Education Code 51950)

Additionally, the district's program may include age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. (Education Code 51900.6)

Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall have the right to excuse their child from all or part of instruction regarding abuse, including sexual abuse, and human trafficking prevention education, and assessments related to that education, in accordance with law and Board policy. (Education Code 51950)

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)

Additionally, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233), and The Trevor Project's LGBTQ+ suicide hotline (1-866-488-7386, or by texting START to 678-678). In addition, student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 may have printed on them a quick response (QR) code that links to the county's mental health resources website. (Education Code 215.5)

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, as specified in Penal Code 11164-11174.3, 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 known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)



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State	Description
5 CCR 3200-3205	<u>Special education compliance complaints</u>
Code of Civil Procedure 340.1	<u>Damages suffered as result of childhood sexual abuse</u>
Ed. Code 215.5	<u>Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines</u>
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	<u>School safety plans</u>
Ed. Code 33133.5	<u>Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect</u>
Ed. Code 33195	<u>Heritage schools; mandated reporters</u>
Ed. Code 33308.1	<u>Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints</u>
Ed. Code 33546.2	<u>Health framework for California public schools; sextortion</u>
Ed. Code 44252	<u>Teacher credentialing</u>
Ed. Code 44691	<u>Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect</u>
Ed. Code 44807	<u>Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students</u>
Ed. Code 48906	<u>Notification when student released to peace officer</u>
Ed. Code 48987	<u>Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents</u>
Ed. Code 49001	<u>Prohibition of corporal punishment</u>
Ed. Code 51220.5	<u>Parenting skills education</u>
Ed. Code 51900.6	<u>Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction</u>
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3	<u>Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act</u>
Pen. Code 152.3	<u>Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act</u>
Pen. Code 273a	<u>Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health</u>
Pen. Code 286	<u>Crime of sodomy</u>
Pen. Code 288	<u>Crime of oral copulation</u>
Pen. Code 288	<u>Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting</u>
Pen. Code 289	<u>Crime of sexual penetration</u>
Pen. Code 311-312.7	<u>Obscene matter</u>
Pen. Code 801.8	<u>Failure to report an incident known or reasonably suspected by a mandated reporter to be sexual assault, child abuse, or severe neglect</u>
W&I Code 15630-15637	<u>Dependent adult abuse reporting</u>



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State

W&I Code 16509.1

Description

Treatment of children by spiritual means through prayer; neglect

Federal

42 USC 11434a

Description

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

Management Resources

California Department of
Education Publication

Description

Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, May 2019

California Department of
Education Publication

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2008

Court Decision

Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020

CSBA Publication

Why Schools Hold the Promise for Adolescent Mental Health, Governance Brief, May 2019

Website

SchoolSafety.gov, Child Exploitation

Website

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website

California Department of Social Services, Information Resources Guide

Website

California Department of Education, Child Abuse Prevention Training and Resources

Website

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway

Website

California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form

Cross References

Code

0450

Description

Comprehensive Safety Plan

1240

Volunteer Assistance

1312.1

Complaints Concerning District Employees

1312.3

Uniform Complaint Procedures

1400

Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools

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Response To Immigration Enforcement

3320

Claims And Actions Against The District

3515.3

District Police/Security Department

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Personnel Files

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Employee Notifications

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Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

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4227	<i>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</i>
4231	<i>Staff Development</i>
4312.6	<i>Personnel Files</i>
4312.9	<i>Employee Notifications</i>
4317.7	<i>Employment Status Reports</i>
4319.23	<i>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</i>
4319.24	<i>Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions</i>
4327	<i>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</i>
4331	<i>Staff Development</i>
5131	<i>Conduct</i>
5131.7	<i>Weapons And Dangerous Instruments</i>
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5142	<i>Safety</i>
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5145.7	<i>Sexual Harassment</i>
5145.71	<i>Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures</i>
6142.7	<i>Physical Education And Activity</i>
6142.8	<i>Comprehensive Health Education</i>
6143	<i>Courses Of Study</i>
6145.2	<i>Athletic Competition</i>
6159.4	<i>Behavioral Interventions For Special Education Students</i>
6164.2	<i>Guidance/Counseling Services</i>
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