IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

Notices About Missing Children

If a school receives notice from a law enforcement agency that a child enrolled in that school has been reported missing, the principal or designee shall place a notice that the child has been reported missing on the front of the child's school record. If a school receives a record inquiry or request from any person or entity regarding a missing child about whom the school has been notified, the principal or designee shall immediately notify the law enforcement authorities who informed the school of the missing child's status. (Education Code 49068.6)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

School staff are also encouraged to monitor "Amber Alerts" issued by law enforcement agencies in serious, time-critical child abduction cases.

Reporting Missing Children

Any district employee who recognizes a child who has been reported missing through a DOJ notice, an Amber Alert, or other means shall immediately notify law enforcement using the hotline telephone number listed.

In the event that a district employee witnesses a child abduction, he/she shall immediately contact law enforcement and provide the agency with information on the location of the abduction and a description of the victim, the suspect, and any vehicle involved. He/she shall also notify the Superintendent or designee who shall implement steps, as needed, to ensure the safety of other students.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
32390 Voluntary program for fingerprinting students
38139 Posting of information about missing children
48980 Parental notification of district programs, rights and responsibilities
49068.5-49068.6 Missing children; transfers
49370 Legislative intent re: reporting of missing children

PENAL CODE
14200-14213 Violent crime information center

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
640-641 Student fingerprinting program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
California Department of Justice, Missing Persons: http://oag.ca.gov/missing
California Highway Patrol, Amber Alert: http://www.chp.ca.gov/amber
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com