

STUDENTS**Child Abuse and Neglect (Reporting Procedures)**

With concern for each student's total well-being, the Governing Board of Trustees directs the district's employees to report known or suspected incidences of child abuse in accordance with state law and district regulations. District employees shall cooperate with the child protective agencies responsible for reporting, investigating, and prosecuting cases of child abuse.

This policy and its administrative guidelines apply to all certificated district employees and any other district employees designated by law as a "child care custodian," or "health practitioner" as defined by state law. (Penal Code Sections 11165.7 and 11165.8)

The Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations for identifying and reporting child abuse.

The Superintendent shall provide training in child abuse identification and reporting for all certificated personnel, instructional and teacher aides, teacher assistants, and other classified employees. (Penal Code Section 11165.7)

All employees trained in child abuse identification and reporting shall be given, as part of that training, written notice of the child abuse reporting requirements and the employees' confidentiality rights. (Penal Code Section 11165.7)

In order to reduce or eliminate unfounded child abuse accusations directed at school employees, child abuse in-service training shall include guidelines for maintaining ethical relationships with students and for disciplining students.

- Legal References: California Education Code
 44690, et seq. Staff development in the detection of child abuse
 and neglect
 48906 Notification when pupil released to peace officer
- California Penal Code
 273a Willful harm or injury to child; endangering person
 or health
 11165-11165.17 Definitions relating to child abuse
 11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse
 11172 Immunity from civil or criminal liability resulting
 from required reporting of known or suspected
 child abuse; failure to report is a misdemeanor
 11174.3 Authorizes child protective agencies to interview
 suspected child abuse victims on school premises

Policy

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