

**Child Abuse Reporting Procedures**

The Governing Board 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.

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and district administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

Parents/guardians may contact the Superintendent or designee to obtain procedures for filing a complaint against a district employee or other person whom they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site.

**Legal Reference**Education Code:

33308.1	Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints
44690-44691	Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect
48906	Notification when student released to peace officer
48987	Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents

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

Code Of Regulations, Title 5:

4650	Filing complaints with CDE, special education students
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