

## **SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

### **Superintendent's Policy Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

#### **SP 5141.4**

The County Board of Education is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of county office students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect. The County Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The County 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**

The County Office of Education's instructional program may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum which explains students' right to live free of abuse, includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of available support resources, and teaches students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

The County Office of Education's program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The County 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)

In addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

The County Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the County Office of Education's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

#### **Child Abuse Reporting**

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

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Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the County Office of Education's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

County Office of Education 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 County 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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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 4650	<u>Filing complaints with CDE, special education students</u>
Ed. Code 32280-32289	<u>School safety plans</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 44252	<u>Teacher credentialing</u>
Ed. Code 44691	<u>Information on detection of child abuse</u>
Ed. Code 44807	<u>Duty concerning conduct of students</u>
Ed. Code 48906	<u>Notification of release of student to peace officer</u>
Ed. Code 48987	<u>Child abuse guidelines</u>
Ed. Code 49001	<u>Prohibition of corporal punishment</u>
Ed. Code 51220.5	<u>Parenting skills and education</u>
Ed. Code 51900.6	<u>Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention</u>

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<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
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>Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health</u>
Pen. Code 288	<u>Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting</u>
W&I Code 15630-15637	<u>Dependent adult abuse reporting</u>

<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
42 USC 11434a	<u>Education for homeless children and youths</u>

<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Department of Education Publication	<u>01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015</u>
Court Decision	<u>A.M. v. Albertsons, LLC, (2009) Cal.App.4th 455</u>
Website	<u>AASA The School County Superintendents Association</u>

Cross References

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
0450	<u>Comprehensive Safety Plan</u>
0450	<u>Comprehensive Safety Plan</u>
0470	<u>COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</u>
1312.1	<u>Complaints Concerning District Employees</u>
1312.1	<u>Complaints Concerning District Employees</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
1312.3-E(1)	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3-E(2)	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1400	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u>
3530	<u>Risk Management/Insurance</u>
3530	<u>Risk Management/Insurance</u>
4112.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4119.23	<u>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
4127	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4127	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4131	<u>Staff Development</u>
4212.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4219.21	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4219.21-E(1)	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4219.23	<u>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
4227	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4227	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4312.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4317.7	<u>Employment Status Reports</u>
4319.21	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4319.21-E(1)	<u>Professional Standards</u>
4319.23	<u>Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information</u>
4327	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
4327	<u>Temporary Athletic Team Coaches</u>
5131.7	<u>Weapons And Dangerous Instruments</u>

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
5131.7	<u>Weapons And Dangerous Instruments</u>
5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.52	<u>Suicide Prevention</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5145.11	<u>Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement</u>
5145.13	<u>Response To Immigration Enforcement</u>
5145.13	<u>Response To Immigration Enforcement</u>
5145.3	<u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u>
5145.3	<u>Nondiscrimination/Harassment</u>
5145.7	<u>Sexual Harassment</u>
5145.7	<u>Sexual Harassment</u>
6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
6164.2	<u>Guidance/Counseling Services</u>