

BP 5141.4 Students

**Child Abuse Reporting Procedures**

The County Board of Education recognizes that the County Office of Education has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish regulations for use by County Office employees in identifying and reporting such incidents.

(cf. 5141.41 - Child Abuse Prevention) (cf. [5142](#) - Safety)

County Office employees are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect in accordance with law, County Office policy, and administrative regulation. Employees shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall fully cooperate with agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

Parents/guardians may file a complaint against a County Office employee or other person whom they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site. The County Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians information about reporting procedures in accordance with law.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of County Office employees mandated by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

In the event that training is not provided to the employees mandated to report child abuse and neglect, the County Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code [11165.7](#))

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

## WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

[15630-15637](#) Dependent adult abuse reporting

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[4650](#) Filing complaints with CDE, special education students

### Management Resources:

#### CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

[0514.93](#) Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse by school district employees or other persons against a pupil at school site

#### WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

#### School/Law Enforcement Partnership:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/>><http://www.cde.ca.gov>><http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/partnership.html>

California Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us/childabuse>

California Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov>

Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning: <http://www.ocjp.ca.gov>

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