

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BP 5141.4

Students

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. (cf. 5141.41 - Child Abuse Prevention) (cf. 5142 - Safety)

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. (cf. 4131 - Staff Development) (cf. 4231 - Staff Development) (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code 11165.7)

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. (cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

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

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