MIDDLETOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 5141.4: Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

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

The 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 district'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 district'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 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 Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district'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 Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

District 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 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)

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.

State	Description
5 CCR 3200-3205	Special education compliance complaints
Code of Civil Procedure 340.1	Damages suffered as result of childhood sexual abuse
Ed. Code 215.5	Student identification cards; inclusion of safety hotlines
Ed. Code 32280-32289.5	School safety plans
Ed. Code 33133.5	Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect
Ed. Code 33195	Heritage schools; mandated reporters
Ed. Code 33308.1	Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints
Ed. Code 44252	Teacher credentialing
Ed. Code 44691	Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect
Ed. Code 44807	Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students
Ed. Code 48906	Notification when student released to peace officer
Ed. Code 48987	Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents
Ed. Code 49001	Prohibition of corporal punishment
Ed. Code 51220.5	Parenting skills education
Ed. Code 51900.6	Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
Pen. Code 152.3	Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act
Pen. Code 273a	Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health
Pen. Code 286	Crime of sodomy
Pen. Code 288	Crime of oral copulation
Pen. Code 288	Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting
Pen. Code 289	Crime of sexual penetration
W&I Code 15630-15637	Dependent adult abuse reporting

Federal	Description
42 USC 11434a	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

Management Resources	Description

California Department of Education Publication	Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
California Department of Education Publication	Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, May 2019
Court Decision	Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020
CSBA Publication	Why Schools Hold the Promise for Adolescent Mental Health, Governance Brief, May 2019
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Social Services, Information Resources Guide
Website	California Department of Education, Child Abuse Prevention Training and Resources
Website	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway
Website	California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.1	Complaints Concerning District Employees
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(1)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(2)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools
3320	Claims And Actions Against The District
3320	Claims And Actions Against The District
3515.3	District Police/Security Department
3515.3	District Police/Security Department
4112.6	Personnel Files

4112.9	Employee Notifications
4112.9-E(1)	Employee Notifications
4119.21	Professional Standards
4119.21-E(1)	Professional Standards
4119.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4127	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4127	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4131	Staff Development
4212.6	Personnel Files
4212.9	Employee Notifications
4212.9-E(1)	Employee Notifications
4219.21	Professional Standards
4219.21-E(1)	Professional Standards
4219.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4227	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4227	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4231	Staff Development
4312.6	Personnel Files
4312.9	Employee Notifications
4312.9-E(1)	Employee Notifications
4317.7	Employment Status Reports
4319.21	Professional Standards
4319.21-E(1)	Professional Standards
4319.23	Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information
4327	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4327	Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
4331	Staff Development
5131	Conduct
5131.7	Weapons And Dangerous Instruments
5131.7	Weapons And Dangerous Instruments
5141.5	Mental Health
5141.52	Suicide Prevention
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5141.6	School Health Services
5141.6	School Health Services
5142	Safety
5142	Safety
5144	Discipline
5144	Discipline
5145.11	Questioning And Apprehension By Law Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.7	Sexual Harassment
5145.7	Sexual Harassment
5145.71	Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
5145.71-E(1)	Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity
6142.7	Physical Education And Activity
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6143	Courses Of Study
6143	Courses Of Study
6145.2	Athletic Competition
6145.2	Athletic Competition
6159.4	Behavioral Interventions For Special Education Students
6164.2	Guidance/Counseling Services
6164.5	Student Success Teams
6164.5	Student Success Teams