

## VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BOARD POLICY NO. 5141.4**

**ADOPTED: 11/8/02**

**CLASSIFICATION: Students**

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**SUBJECT: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures**

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The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent are committed to supporting the safety and well-being of 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 VCOE'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 VCOE'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)

### 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 the law.

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

VCOE 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)

#### Legal References:

##### WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE

600-601.2	Referral to school attendance review board; minors habitually disobedient or truant
15630-15637	Dependent adult abuse reporting

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650	Filing complaints with CDE, special education students
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##### FEDERAL

42 USC 11434a

##### DESCRIPTION

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

##### STATE

5 CCR 4650

Ed. Code 32280-32289

Ed. Code 33195

Ed. Code 33308.1

Ed. Code 44252

Ed. Code 44691

Ed. Code 44807

Ed. Code 48906

Ed. Code 48987

Ed. Code 49001

Ed. Code 51220.5

Ed. Code 51900.6

Pen. Code 11164-11174.3

Pen. Code 152.3

Pen. Code 273a

Pen. Code 288

W&I Code 15630-15637

##### DESCRIPTION

Filing complaints with CDE, special education students

School safety plans

Heritage schools, mandated reporters

Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

Teacher credentialing

Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect

Duty concerning conduct of students

Notification when student released to peace officer

Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents

Prohibition of corporal punishment

Parenting skills education

Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act

Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health

Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting

Dependent adult abuse reporting