

<p>Bridges Charter School</p> 	<p>Board Policy-</p> <p>Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting</p>	
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Students

Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting

Child Abuse Prevention

The Bridges 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 Director or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

Child Abuse Reporting

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that Bridges has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

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

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Director or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Director 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

32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans
33195 Heritage schools, mandated reporters
33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints
44252 Teacher credentialing
44690-44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect 44807
Duty concerning conduct of students
48906 Notification when student released to peace officer
48987 Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents
49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment
51220.5 Parenting skills education
51900.6 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention

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
11164-11174.4 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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

COURT DECISIONS

Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve

WEBSITES

California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form:

http://www.ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss> California

Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/can>

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