

# Santa Barbara Unified School District Board Policy

BP 5141.4

## Students

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

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.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

**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.

*(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

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

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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.

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