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# Certificated Employee Annual Packet

Human Resources Department *JK/eac* 



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#### **Employee Electronic Resources Acceptable Use Contract**

Central Unified School District has actively pursued making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to our staff & students. With this new tool, employees must practice proper and ethical use of district resources and agree to the following conditions before its use. CONDITIONS AND RULES FOR USE

#### 1. Acceptable Use of Internet Resources

Internet access through Central Unified School District is intended solely to enhance the delivery of educational material and communication. Use of the Internet resources must be consistent with the educational objectives of CUSD and any improper use will result in revocation of the users' privileges. Inappropriate use may also constitute grounds for discipline up to and including dismissal.

CUSD Internet access is expressly prohibited for any of the following:

- access to pornographic or sexually explicit materials,
- access to information promoting or instructing in acts of terrorism or treason,
- access to information instructing or promoting armed rebellion, racial or ethnic discrimination, or other forms of hate crimes,
- access to information pertaining to the design, purchase, acquisition, or construction of any type of weapon or explosive device, or other instrument capable of causing physical harm or death,
- access to information that in any way advocates, instructs, or promotes the violation of any laws of the State of California or the United States of America.
- Transmission or downloading of copyrighted material, including but not limited to music, software and movies

#### 2. Privilege

The use of CUSD information services is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules will result in cancellation of these privileges. CUSD, under this contract, is delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, revoke, suspend or close any user account at any time based upon a determination of inappropriate use by the user.

#### 3. Training

Prior to receiving a network account, employees must participate in a training that addresses policies and procedures for acceptable use of electronic resources.

#### 4. Monitoring

CUSD reserves the right to review any material on user accounts and to monitor fileserver space in order for CUSD to make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are inappropriate. CUSD also reserves the right to monitor and report Internet activity.

#### 5. Email Etiquette

Use of the Internet resources must be consistent with the educational objectives of CUSD and any improper use will result in revocation of the users' privileges. All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of email etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Do not engage in activities that are prohibited under state and federal law.
- Do not reveal addresses, telephone numbers or personal information for yourself or others.
- Note that electronic mail (email) is not private. People who
  operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating
  to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the
  authorities and will result in the loss of user privileges.
- Do not use the Internet in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by others.
- All communication and information accessible via the Internet should be assumed private property of those who put it on the network.

#### 6. Software

Installation of or downloading non-district approved software is prohibited. Instructional software must be approved in accordance with BP/AR 6161 – Procedures and Criteria for Selection and Evaluation of Electronic Resources.

#### 7. Procedures for Use

User shall not play games or use the computer resources in a manner that would constitute unauthorized use of CUSD equipment, time, materials or facilities.

#### 7. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. A user must never allow others to use his/her password. Users should also protect their passwords to ensure system security and their own privileges and ability to continue use of the system. If you feel that you can identify a security problem with CUSD Information Services, including the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log on to the CUSD Information Services as a system administrator may result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk for having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to services.

#### 8. Vandalism and Harassment

Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to any malicious attempt to harm, modify, and destroy data of another user, Internet or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading and creating of computer viruses, the persistent annoyance of another user, the interference of another user's work, or the sending of unwanted mail.

#### 9. Encounter of Controversial Material

Users may encounter material that they interpret as controversial, inappropriate or offensive. However, on the Internet, it is impossible to control the content of data and a user may discover controversial materials. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material. CUSD shall not be held liable for any decision to restrict or regulate access to Internet materials. It is the user's responsibility to report any controversial material to the Information Systems department staff.

#### 10. Supervision

Employees must ensure that only authorized users participate in Internet activities appropriate for their curriculum. Relevant alternatives (CD, print sources etc) must be provided for those students where parental permission has not been granted. An authorized employee must be physically present in the classroom/lab/library to monitor student use of the Internet. No students will be allowed to supervise other student users.

#### 11. Ability to Update

CUSD Information Services may occasionally require new registration and account information for you to continue service. You must notify the Information Services staff of any changes to your account information.

#### 12. Penalties for Improper Use

Any user violating these rules, applicable state and federal laws, or CUSD policies is subject to loss of access privileges and any other CUSD disciplinary options up to and including dismissal. In addition, pursuant to State of California law, any unauthorized Internet access, attempted access, or use of any state computing and/or network system is a violation of section 502 of the California Penal Code and/or other applicable federal laws, and is subject to criminal prosecution.

I have read the conditions and rules for use, and agree to the terms herein. I agree to abide by the acceptable use of all electronic resources. I also agree to report any misuse of electronic resources to the Information Services staff.
Print Employee Name
\_\_\_\_\_Date



# **Confidentiality Policy**

# **Receipt and Acknowledgement**

I,\_\_\_\_\_hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of district board policy (BP) and administrative regulation(s) (AR) regarding Unauthorized Release of Confidential and Privileged Information; and Community Records – Access to District Records. [BP 4119.23 and BP/AR1340.]

I understand that even if I am not a confidential employee, I am required to keep and maintain confidential any and all information within the scope of the above board policies that I come in contact with, during the course and scope of my employment with Central Unified School District.

Employee Print Name

Employee Signature

Date



# Child Abuse Mandated Reporting <u>Receipt and Acknowledgement</u>

All employees of Central Unified School District are "Child Abuse Mandated Reporters", pursuant to California Penal Code Section 11165.7, 11165.007, 11166. "All employees" includes anybody working on behalf of Central Unified, such as teachers, teacher's aides, classified employees, and any other employees whose duties bring them into direct contact and supervision of students.

All "mandated reporters" are required, by law, to report all known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. No supervisor or administrator can impede or inhibit a report or subject the reporting person to any sanction. School volunteers, while not mandated reporters, are also encouraged to report any suspected cases of abuse and neglect.

Mandated reporters are required to give their names when making a report. However, the reporter's identity is kept confidential. Reports of suspected child abuse are also confidential. Mandated reporters have immunity from state criminal or civil liability for reporting as required. This is true even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge, or suspicion of the abuse or neglect, outside his/her professional capacity or scope of employment. A mandated reporter who fails to make a required report is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and/or up to a \$1,000 fine (California Penal Code Section 11166[c]).

The local law enforcement agency is required to investigate all reports. Cases may also be investigated by Child Welfare Services when allegations involve abuse or neglect within families.

To report child abuse in Fresno County, CA contact the Child Protection Hotline (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) Phone: (559) 600-8320 or Fax: (559) 266-2463 \*Mandated Reporters: Please fax your Suspected Child Abuse Report (SCAR) to this fax number.

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Attached hereto is a copy of CA Penal Code, §11165 and §11166 [Reporting Child Abuse], CA Department of Education <u>Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Guidelines</u>, CRMA Training module instructions <u>"Get Safety Trained"</u>, and <u>Suspected Child Abuse Report</u> (SCAR). I acknowledge that I have read and understand my obligation as a mandated reporter, and agree to comply therewith.

**Employee Print Name** 



# Sexual Harassment Policy <u>Receipt and Acknowledgement</u>

Central Unified School District strictly prohibits sexual harassment of district employees. The District also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify, or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and accompanying administrative regulation. This policy shall apply to all district employees and, when applicable, to interns, volunteers, and job applicants.

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (2 CCR 11023)

Any district employee who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator, or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal, or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal. *[BP 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11]* 

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Attached hereto is a copy of district board policy and administrative regulation(s) regarding Sexual Harassment, [BP/AR 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11], reporting instructions, and the <u>Sexual Harassment/Title IX Consultation</u> form. I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the district's policy prohibiting sexual harassment, as well as reporting instructions and the Sexual Harassment/Title IX Consultation form.

Employee Print Name

Employee Signature



Stull Act <u>Receipt and Acknowledgement</u>

The Stull Act, AB293 was passed by the California Legislature and signed by the governor on July, 20, 1971. It became Article 5.5 of the Education Code 44660. The intent was to "establish a uniform system of evaluation and assessment of the performance of certificated personnel within each school district of the State. The Act applies to all certificated personnel.

# Ed Code 44660

"It is the intent of the Legislature that governing boards establish a uniform system of evaluation and assessment of the performance of all certificated personnel within each school district of the state, including schools conducted or maintained by county superintendents of education. The system shall involve the development and adoption by each school district of objective evaluation and assessment guidelines which may, at the discretion of the governing board, be uniform throughout the district or, for compelling reasons, be individually developed for territories or schools within the district, provided that all certificated personnel of the district shall be subject to a system of evaluation and assessment adopted pursuant to this article. This article does not apply to certificated personnel who are employed on an hourly basis in adult education classes."

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I have read and understand that I will be evaluated based on the criteria set forth by the Stull Act, Ed Code and Central Unified School District.

**Employee Print Name** 

**Employee Signature** 

# **Employee Copies**

Unauthorized Release of Confidential Privileged Information

The Governing Board, administration and staff shall maintain the confidentiality of all confidential records until such time as laws, state regulations and/or bylaws of this district permit disclosure. Information and records pertaining to closed sessions, negotiations and student records are not subject to public disclosure under Government Code 6252-6260.

Any employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about students, staff or any topic properly confined to a closed session shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from district service. Confidential information includes any information relating to the Board's employer-employee strategies on matters in negotiation or matters to be placed in negotiation.

Any employee who willingly and for monetary gain uses or discloses confidential/privileged information as defined in Government Code 1098 is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Government Code 1098)

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records) (cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information) (cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules 35146 Closed sessions (re student suspension) 44031 Personnel file contents and inspection 44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employees 44933 Other grounds for dismissal 45113 Rules and regulations for classified service 49060-49078 Pupil records **GOVERNMENT CODE** 1098 Public officials and employees: confidential information 3540 et seq. Meeting and negotiating in public employment 6252 et seq. Inspection of public records 54957 Closed session; purposes for holding; definition of "employee" exclusion of witnesses 54957.2 Taking of minutes at closed sessions; clerk; minute book 54957.6 Closed session, representatives to employee organization(s); state conciliator LABOR CODE 1102.5 Employees: disclosure of information UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

Policy adopted: 5/14/02

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#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### Access to District Records

The Governing Board recognizes the right of citizens to have access to public records of the district. The Board intends the district to provide any person reasonable access to the public records of the schools and district during normal business hours and within the requirements of law. Public access shall not be given to records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act and other state or federal law.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)
(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups. The charge shall be based on actual costs of duplication, as determined by the Superintendent or designee and as specified in administrative regulation.

In order to help maintain the security of district records, members of the public granted access shall examine records in the presence of a district staff member.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE 35145 Public meetings 35170 Authority to secure copyrights 35250 Duty to keep certain records and reports 41020 Requirement for annual audit 42103 Publication of proposed budget; hearing 44031 Personnel file contents and inspections 44839 Medical certificates; periodic medical examination 49060-49079 Pupil records 49091.10 Parental review of curriculum and instruction 52850 Applicability of article (School-Based Program Coordination Plan availability) GOVERNMENT CODE 3547 Proposals relating to representation 6250-6270 California Public Records Act 6275-6276.48 Other exemptions from disclosure 53262 Employment contracts 54957.2 Minute book record of closed sessions 54957.5 Agendas and other writings distributed for discussion or consideration 81008 Political Reform Act, public records; inspection and reproduction CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION Article 1, Section 3 Right of access to governmental information CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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430-438 Individual pupil records
COURT DECISIONS
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers v. The Superior Court of Alameda
County, (2007) 42 Cal.4th 319
Los Angeles Times v. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 1381
Kleitman v. Superior Court, (1999) 74 Cal.App. 4th 324
Fairley v. Superior Court, (1998) 66 Cal.App. 4th 1414
North County Parents Organization for Children with Special Needs v. Department of Education, (1994)
23 Cal.App. 4th 144
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988)
64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 186 (1981)

Management Resources:

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS Summary of the California Public Records Act, 2004 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PUBLICATIONS The People's Business: A Guide to the California Public Records Act, 2008 WEB SITES CSBA: http://www.csba.org California Attorney General's Office: http://www.caag.state.ca.us Institute for Local Government: http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=ilsg State Bar of California: http://www.calbar.ca.gov

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#### Access to District Records

### Definitions

Public records include any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the district's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by the district regardless of physical form or characteristics. (Government Code 6252)

Writing means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, Photostatting, photographing, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. (Government Code 6252)

A member of the public includes any person, except a member, agent, officer, or employee of the district acting within the scope of his/her office or employment. Governing Board members shall have the ability to access public records permitted by law in the administration of their duties. Notwithstanding, members of the Board are entitled to access to district public records on the same basis as any other person. (Government Code 6252, 6252.5)

#### Public Records

Records to which the public shall have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Proposed and approved budgets and annual audit of the district (Government Code 6252; Education Code 41020, 42103)

(cf. 3100 - Budget) (cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

- 2. Statistical compilations (Government Code 6252)
- 3. Reports and memoranda (Government Code 6252)
- 4. Notices and bulletins (Government Code 6252)
- 5. Minutes of public meetings (Government Code 6252)
- (cf. 9324 Minutes and Recordings)
- 6. Meeting agendas (Government Code 6252, 54957.5)
- (cf. 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials)
- 7. Official communications between governmental branches (Government Code 6252)

#### 8. School-based program plans (Education Code 52850)

(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)

- 9. Information and data relevant to the evaluation and modification of district plans
- (cf. 0420 School Plans/Site Councils) (cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan) (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan) (cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools) (cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)
- 10. Initial proposals of exclusive employee representatives and of the district (Government Code 3547)
- (cf. 4143.1/4243.1 Public Notice Personnel Negotiations)
- 11. Tort claims filed against the district and records pertaining to pending litigation which predate the filing of the litigation, unless protected by some other provision of law (Government Code 6254.25; Fairley v. Superior Court; 71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988))
- (cf. 3320 Claims and Actions Against the District)
- 12. Statements of economic interests required by the Conflict of Interest Code (Government Code 81008)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

13. Contracts of employment and settlement agreements (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract) (cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5 - Termination Agreements) (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any record containing personal information is redacted to ensure that such information, including, but not limited to, an employee's home address or social security number, is not disclosed to the public.

#### Confidential Records

Records to which the general public shall not have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Preliminary drafts, notes, interdistrict or intradistrict memoranda which are not retained by the district in the ordinary course of business, provided that the public interest in withholding these records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

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#### (cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

- 2. Records specifically prepared for litigation to which the district is a party or to respond to claims made against the district pursuant to the Tort Claims Act are confidential, until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled, unless the records are protected by some other provision of law (Government Code 6254, 6254.25; Fairley v. Superior Court; 71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988))
- 3. Personnel records, medical records, student records, or similar materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

The home addresses and home telephone numbers of employees may be disclosed only as follows: (Government Code 6254.3)

- a. To an agent or a family member of the individual to whom the information pertains
- b. To an officer or employee of a state agency or another school district or county office of education when necessary for the performance of official duties
- c. To an employee organization pursuant to regulations and decisions of the Public Employment Relations Board, unless the employee performs law enforcementrelated functions or requests in writing that the information not be disclosed
- d. To an agent or employee of a health benefit plan providing health services or administering claims for health services to district employees and their enrolled dependents, for the purpose of providing the health services or administering claims for employees and their enrolled dependents
- 4. Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data except as provided by law (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program) (cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

- 5. Without affecting the law of eminent domain, the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the district relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained (Government Code 6254)
- 6. Information required from any taxpayer in connection with the collection of local taxes

that is received in confidence and the disclosure of the information to other persons would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information (Government Code 6254)

7. Library circulation records kept for the purpose of identifying the borrower of items available in the library (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

8. Records for which the disclosure is exempted or prohibited pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege (Government Code 6254)

#### (cf. 9124 - Attorney)

- 9. Documents prepared by or for the district to assess its vulnerability to terrorist attack or other criminal acts intended to disrupt district operations and that are for distribution or consideration in closed session (Government Code 6254)
- (cf. 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- 10. Recall petitions or petitions for the reorganization of school districts (Government Code 6253.5)
- 11. Minutes of Board meetings held in closed session (Government Code 54957.2)
- (cf. 9321 Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
- 12. Computer software developed by the district (Government Code 6254.9)
- 13. Written instructional textbooks or other materials which, when providing a copy, would infringe a copyright or would constitute an unreasonable burden on the operation of the district (65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 185 (1981))
- (cf. 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
- 14. Records that contain individually identifiable health information, including records that may be exempt pursuant to physician-patient privilege, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Government Code 6254, 6255)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

- 15. Any other records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act or other statutes
- 16. Records for which the district can demonstrate that, based on the particular facts of the case, the public interest served by not making the record public clearly outweighs the

public interest served by disclosure of the record (Government Code 6255)

Inspection of Records and Requests for Copies

Every person may request a copy or inspection of any district record that is open to the public and not exempt from disclosure. (Government Code 6253)

Within 10 days of receiving any request to inspect or copy a district record, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the request seeks release of a disclosable public record in the district's possession. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly inform the person making the request of his/her determination and the reasons for the decision. (Government Code 6253)

In unusual circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may extend the 10-day limit for up to 14 days by providing written notice to the requester and setting forth the reasons for the extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be made. Unusual circumstances include the following, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to properly process the request: (Government Code 6253)

- 1. The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request
- 2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request
- 3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency (e.g., a state agency or city) having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the district (e.g., two different school sites) with substantial interest in the request.
- 4. In the case of electronic records, the need to compile data, write programming language or a computer program, or construct a computer report to extract data

If the Superintendent or designee determines that the request seeks disclosable public records, the determination shall state the estimated date and time when the records will be made available. (Government Code 6253)

Public records are open to inspection at all times during district office hours. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be made available for inspection by every person requesting the record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. (Government Code 6253)

Upon request for a copy that reasonably describes an identifiable record, an exact copy shall be promptly provided unless it is impracticable to do so. (Government Code 6253)

The Superintendent or designee shall charge an amount for copies that reflects the direct costs of duplication. Written requests to waive the fee shall be submitted to the Superintendent or

designee.

If any person requests a public record be provided in an electronic format, the district shall make that record available in any electronic format in which it holds the information. The district shall provide a copy of the electronic record in the format requested as long as the requested format is one that has been used by the district to create copies for its own use or for use by other agencies. (Government Code 6253.9)

The cost of duplicating an electronic record shall be limited to the direct cost of producing a copy of the record in electronic format. However, the requester shall bear the cost of producing the copy of the electronic record, including the cost to construct the record and the cost of programming and computer services necessary to produce the copy, under the following circumstances: (Government Code 6253.9)

- 1. The electronic record is one that is produced only at otherwise regularly scheduled intervals
- 2. The request would require data compilation, extraction, or programming to produce the record

Assistance in Identifying Requested Records

If the Superintendent or designee denies a request for disclosable records, he/she shall assist the requester in making a focused and effective request that reasonably describes an identifiable record. To the extent reasonable under the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall do all of the following: (Government Code 6253.1)

1. Assist in identifying records and information responsive to the request or the purpose of the request, if specified

If, after making a reasonable effort to elicit additional clarifying information from the requester to help identify the record, the Superintendent or designee is still unable to identify the information, this requirement shall be deemed satisfied.

- 2. Describe the information technology and physical location in which the records exist
- 3. Provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought

Provisions of the Public Records Act shall not be construed so as to delay access for purposes of inspecting records open to the public. Any notification denying a request for public records shall state the name and title of each person responsible for the denial. (Government Code 6253)

Regulation approved: 2/02 Regulation revised: 03/07/06; 2/09 Penal Code 11165: As used in this article "child" means a person under the age of 18 years. (Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1459, Sec. 2.) Penal Code 11165.7 11165.007: [Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting]: (a) As used in this article, "mandated reporter" is defined as any of the following: (1) A teacher. (2) An instructional aide. (3) A teacher's aide or teacher's assistant employed by a public or private school. (4) A classified employee of a public school. (5) An administrative officer or supervisor of child welfare and attendance, or a certificated pupil personnel employee of a public or private school. (6) An administrator of a public or private day camp. (7) An administrator or employee of a public or private youth center, youth recreation program, or youth organization. (8) An administrator or employee of a public or private organization whose duties require direct contact and supervision of children. (9) An employee of a county office of education or the State Department of Education whose duties bring the employee into contact with children on a regular basis. (10) A licensee, an administrator, or an employee of a licensed community care or child day care facility. (11) A Head Start program teacher. (12) A licensing worker or licensing evaluator employed by a licensing agency, as defined in Section 11165.11. (13) A public assistance worker. (14) An employee of a child care institution, including, but not limited to, foster parents, group home personnel, and personnel of residential care facilities. (15) A social worker, probation officer, or parole officer. (16) An employee of a school district police or security department. (17) A person who is an administrator or presenter of, or a counselor in, a child abuse prevention program in a public or private school. (18) A district attorney investigator, inspector, or local child support agency caseworker,

unless the investigator, inspector, or caseworker is working with an attorney appointed pursuant to Section 317 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to represent a minor. (19) A peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of

Part 2, who is not otherwise described in this section.

(20) A firefighter, except for volunteer firefighters.

(21) A physician and surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, resident, intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, licensed nurse, dental hygienist, optometrist, marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, professional clinical counselor, or any other person who is currently licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code.

(22) An emergency medical technician I or II, paramedic, or other person certified pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety Code.

(23) A psychological assistant registered pursuant to Section 2913 of the Business and Professions Code.

(24) A marriage and family therapist trainee, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 4980.03 of the Business and Professions Code.

(25) An unlicensed marriage and family therapist intern registered under Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code.

 $(26)\ A$  state or county public health employee who treats a minor for venereal disease or any other condition.

(27) A coroner.

(28) A medical examiner or other person who performs autopsies.

(29) A commercial film and photographic print or image processor as specified in subdivision (e) of Section 11166. As used in this article, "commercial film and photographic print or image processor" means a person who develops exposed photographic film into negatives, slides, or prints, or who makes prints from negatives or slides, or who prepares, publishes, produces, develops, duplicates, or prints any representation of information, data, or an image, including, but not limited to, any film, filmstrip, photograph, negative, slide, photocopy, videotape, video laser disc, computer hardware, computer software, computer floppy disk, data storage medium, CD-ROM, computer-generated equipment, or computer-generated image, for compensation. The term includes any employee of that person; it does not include a person who develops film or makes prints or images for a public agency. (30) A child visitation monitor. As used in this article, "child visitation monitor" means a

person who, for financial compensation, acts as a monitor of a visit between a child and another person when the monitoring of that visit has been ordered by a court of law. (31) An animal control officer or humane society officer. For the purposes of this article, the following terms have the following meanings:

(A) "Animal control officer" means a person employed by a city, county, or city and county for the purpose of enforcing animal control laws or regulations.

(B) "Humane society officer" means a person appointed or employed by a public or private entity as a humane officer who is qualified pursuant to Section 14502 or 14503 of the Corporations Code. (32) A clergy member, as specified in subdivision (d) of Section 11166. As used in this article, "clergy member" means a priest, minister, rabbi, religious practitioner, or similar functionary of a church, temple, or recognized denomination or organization. (33) Any custodian of records of a clergy member, as specified in this section and subdivision (d) of Section 11166. (34) An employee of any police department, county sheriff's department, county probation department, or county welfare department. (35) An employee or volunteer of a Court Appointed Special Advocate program, as defined in Rule 5.655 of the California Rules of Court. (36) A custodial officer, as defined in Section 831.5. (37) A person providing services to a minor child under Section 12300 or 12300.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. (38) An alcohol and drug counselor. As used in this article, an "alcohol and drug counselor" is a person providing counseling, therapy, or other clinical services for a state licensed or certified drug, alcohol, or drug and alcohol treatment program. However, alcohol or drug abuse, or both alcohol and drug abuse, is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect. (39) A clinical counselor trainee, as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 4999.12 of the Business and Professions Code. (40) A clinical counselor intern registered under Section 4999.42 of the Business and Professions Code. (41) An employee or administrator of a public or private postsecondary educational institution, whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis, or who supervises those whose duties bring the administrator or employee into contact with children on a regular basis, as to child abuse or neglect occurring on that institution's premises or at an official activity of, or program conducted by, the institution. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as altering the lawyer-client privilege as set forth in Article 3 (commencing with Section 950) of Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Evidence Code. (42) An athletic coach, athletic administrator, or athletic director employed by any public or private school that provides any combination of instruction for kindergarten, or grades 1 to 12, inclusive. (43) (A) A commercial computer technician as specified in subdivision (e) of Section 11166. As used in this article, "commercial computer technician" means a person who works for a company that is in the business of repairing, installing, or otherwise servicing a computer or computer component, including, but not limited to, a computer part, device, memory storage or recording mechanism, auxiliary storage recording or memory capacity, or any other material relating to the operation and maintenance of a computer or computer network system, for a fee. An employer who provides an electronic communications service or a remote computing service to the public shall be deemed to comply with this article if that employer complies with Section 2258A of Title 18 of the United States Code. (B) An employer of a commercial computer technician may implement internal procedures for facilitating reporting consistent with this article. These procedures may direct employees who are mandated reporters under this paragraph to report materials described in subdivision (e) of Section 11166 to an employee who is designated by the employer to receive the reports. An employee who is designated to receive reports under this subparagraph shall be a commercial computer technician for purposes of this article. A commercial computer technician who makes a report to the designated employee pursuant to this subparagraph shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this article and shall be subject to the protections afforded to mandated reporters, including, but not limited to, those protections afforded by Section 11172. (44) Any athletic coach, including, but not limited to, an assistant coach or a graduate assistant involved in coaching, at public or private postsecondary educational institutions. (b) Except as provided in paragraph (35) of subdivision (a), volunteers of public or private organizations whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children are not mandated reporters but are encouraged to obtain training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect and are further encouraged to report known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect to an agency specified in Section 11165.9. (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), employers are strongly encouraged to provide their employees who are mandated reporters with training in the duties imposed by this article. This training shall include training in child abuse and neglect identification and training in child abuse and neglect reporting. Whether or not employers provide their employees with training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting, the employers shall provide their employees who are mandated reporters with the statement required pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 11166.5. (d) Pursuant to Section 44691 of the Education Code, school districts, county offices of

(d) Pursuant to Section 44691 of the Education Code, school districts, county offices of education, state special schools and diagnostic centers operated by the State Department of Education, and charter schools shall annually train their employees and persons working on their behalf specified in subdivision (a) in the duties of mandated reporters under the child abuse reporting laws. The training shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, training

in child abuse and neglect identification and child abuse and neglect reporting. (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided, the absence of training shall not excuse a mandated reporter from the duties imposed by this article.

(f) Public and private organizations are encouraged to provide their volunteers whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children with training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 797, Sec. 4.)

#### Penal Code 11166 11166.000 [Reporting Child Abuse]:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), and in Section 11166.05, a mandated reporter shall make a report to an agency specified in Section 11165.9 whenever the mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. The mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to the agency immediately or as soon as is practicably possible, and shall prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow up report within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. The mandated reporter possesses relating to the incident.

(1) For purposes of this article, ?reasonable suspicion? means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing, when appropriate, on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. ?Reasonable suspicion? does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect; any ?reasonable suspicion? is sufficient. For purposes of this article, the pregnancy of a minor does not, in and of itself, constitute a basis for a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse.

(2) The agency shall be notified and a report shall be prepared and sent, faxed, or electronically transmitted even if the child has expired, regardless of whether or not the possible abuse was a factor contributing to the death, and even if suspected child abuse was discovered during an autopsy.

(3) A report made by a mandated reporter pursuant to this section shall be known as a mandated report.

(b) If, after reasonable efforts, a mandated reporter is unable to submit an initial report by telephone, he or she shall immediately or as soon as is practicably possible, by fax or electronic transmission, make a one-time automated written report on the form prescribed by the Department of Justice, and shall also be available to respond to a telephone follow up call by the agency with which he or she filed the report. A mandated reporter who files a one-time automated written report because he or she was unable to submit an initial report by telephone is not required to submit a written follow up report.

(1) The one-time automated written report form prescribed by the Department of Justice shall be clearly identifiable so that it is not mistaken for a standard written follow up report. In addition, the automated one-time report shall contain a section that allows the mandated reporter to state the reason the initial telephone call was not able to be completed. The reason for the submission of the one-time automated written report in lieu of the procedure prescribed in subdivision (a) shall be captured in the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS). The department shall work with stakeholders to modify reporting forms and the CWS/CMS as is necessary to accommodate the changes enacted by these provisions.

(2) This subdivision shall not become operative until the CWS/CMS is updated to capture the information prescribed in this subdivision.

(3) This subdivision shall become inoperative three years after this subdivision becomes operative or on January 1, 2009, whichever occurs first.

(4) On the inoperative date of these provisions, a report shall be submitted to the counties and the Legislature by the State Department of Social Services that reflects the data collected from automated one-time reports indicating the reasons stated as to why the automated one-time report was filed in lieu of the initial telephone report.

(5) Nothing in this section shall supersede the requirement that a mandated reporter first attempt to make a report via telephone, or that agencies specified in Section 11165.9 accept reports from mandated reporters and other persons as required.

(c) A mandated reporter who fails to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months confinement in a county jail or by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both that imprisonment and fine. If a mandated reporter intentionally conceals his or her failure to report an incident known by the mandated reporter to be abuse or severe neglect under this section, the failure to report is a continuing offense until an agency specified in Section 11165.9 discovers the offense.

(d) (1) A clergy member who acquires knowledge or a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect during a penitential communication is not subject to subdivision (a). For the purposes of this subdivision, ?penitential communication? means a communication, intended to be in confidence, including, but not limited to, a sacramental confession, made to a clergy member who, in the course of the discipline or practice of his or her church, denomination, or organization, is authorized or accustomed to hear those communications, and under the discipline, tenets, customs, or practices of his or her church, denomination, or

organization, has a duty to keep those communications secret. (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to modify or limit a clergy member?s duty to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect when the clergy member is acting in some other capacity that would otherwise make the clergy member a mandated reporter. (3) (A) On or before January 1, 2004, a clergy member or any custodian of records for the clergy member may report to an agency specified in Section 11165.9 that the clergy member or any custodian of records for the clergy member, prior to January 1, 1997, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, other than during a penitential communication, acquired knowledge or had a reasonable suspicion that a child had been the victim of sexual abuse and that the clergy member or any custodian of records for the clergy member did not previously report the abuse to an agency specified in Section 11165.9. The provisions of Section 11172 shall apply to all reports made pursuant to this

paragraph.

(B) This paragraph shall apply even if the victim of the known or suspected abuse has reached the age of majority by the time the required report is made.

(C) The local law enforcement agency shall have jurisdiction to investigate any report of child abuse made pursuant to this paragraph even if the report is made after the victim has reached the age of majority.

(e) (1) A commercial film, photographic print, or image processor who has knowledge of or observes, within the scope of his or her professional capacity or employment, any film, photograph, videotape, negative, slide, or any representation of information, data, or an image, including, but not limited to, any film, filmstrip, photograph, negative, slide, photocopy, videotape, video laser disc, computer hardware, computer software, computer floppy disk, data storage medium, CD-ROM, computer-generated equipment, or computer-generated image depicting a child under 16 years of age engaged in an act of sexual conduct, shall, immediately or as soon as practicably possible, telephonically report the instance of suspected abuse to the law enforcement agency located in the county in which the images are seen. Within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident, the reporter shall prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow up report of the incident with a copy of the image or material attached.

(2) A commercial computer technician who has knowledge of or observes, within the scope of his or her professional capacity or employment, any representation of information, data, or an image, including, but not limited to, any computer hardware, computer software, computer file, computer floppy disk, data storage medium, CD-ROM, computer-generated equipment, or computer-generated image that is retrievable in perceivable form and that is intentionally saved, transmitted, or organized on an electronic medium, depicting a child under 16 years of age engaged in an act of sexual conduct, shall immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, telephonically report the instance of suspected abuse to the law enforcement agency located in the county in which the images or material are seen. As soon as practicably possible after receiving the information concerning the incident, the reporter shall prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow up report of the incident with a brief description of the images or materials.

(3) For purposes of this article, ?commercial computer technician? includes an employee designated by an employer to receive reports pursuant to an established reporting process authorized by subparagraph (B) of paragraph (43) of subdivision (a) of Section 11165.7.
(4) As used in this subdivision, ?electronic medium? includes, but is not limited to, a recording, CD-ROM, magnetic disk memory, magnetic tape memory, CD, DVD, thumb drive, or any other computer hardware or media.

(5) As used in this subdivision, ?sexual conduct? means any of the following:(A) Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex or between humans and animals.

(B) Penetration of the vagina or rectum by any object.

(C) Masturbation for the purpose of sexual stimulation of the viewer.

(D) Sadomasochistic abuse for the purpose of sexual stimulation of the viewer.

(E) Exhibition of the genitals, pubic, or rectal areas of a person for the purpose of sexual stimulation of the viewer.

(f) Any mandated reporter who knows or reasonably suspects that the home or institution in which a child resides is unsuitable for the child because of abuse or neglect of the child shall bring the condition to the attention of the agency to which, and at the same time as, he or she makes a report of the abuse or neglect pursuant to subdivision (a).

(g) Any other person who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to an agency specified in Section 11165.9. For purposes of this section, ?any other person? includes a mandated reporter who acts in his or her private capacity and not in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment.

(h) When two or more persons, who are required to report, jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, and when there is agreement among them, the telephone report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report.

(i) (1) The reporting duties under this section are individual, and no supervisor or

administrator may impede or inhibit the reporting duties, and no person making a report shall be subject to any sanction for making the report. However, internal procedures to facilitate reporting and apprise supervisors and administrators of reports may be established provided that they are not inconsistent with this article.

(2) The internal procedures shall not require any employee required to make reports pursuant to this article to disclose his or her identity to the employer.

(3) Reporting the information regarding a case of possible child abuse or neglect to an employer, supervisor, school principal, school counselor, coworker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to an agency specified in Section 11165.9. (j) A county probation or welfare department shall immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, report by telephone, fax, or electronic transmission to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the case, to the agency given the responsibility for investigation of cases under Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and to the district attorney?s office every known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, as defined in Section 11165.6, except acts or omissions coming within subdivision (b) of Section 11165.2, or reports made pursuant to Section 11165.13 based on risk to a child which relates solely to the inability of the parent to provide the child with regular care due to the parent?s substance abuse, which shall be reported only to the county welfare or probation department. A county probation or welfare department also shall send, fax, or electronically transmit a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident to any agency to which it makes a telephone report under this subdivision. (k) A law enforcement agency shall immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, report by telephone, fax, or electronic transmission to the agency given responsibility for investigation of cases under Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and to the district attorney?s office every known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect reported to it, except acts or omissions coming within subdivision (b) of Section 11165.2, which shall be reported only to the county welfare or probation department. A law enforcement agency shall report to the county welfare or probation department every known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect reported to it which is alleged to have occurred as a result of the action of a person responsible for the child?s welfare, or as the result of the failure of a person responsible for the child?s welfare to adequately protect the minor from abuse when the person responsible for the child?s welfare knew or reasonably should have known that the minor was in danger of abuse. A law enforcement agency also shall send, fax, or electronically transmit a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident to any agency to which it makes a telephone report under this subdivision.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 76, Sec. 165.)

# California Department of Education Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Guidelines

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Information for school personnel and those who work in our children's schools to be able to identify signs of suspected cases of child abuse and/or child neglect and to have the tools to know how to make a report to the proper authorities.

These guidelines are issued by the California Department of Education (CDE), in conjunction with the California Department of Social Services, to help all persons, particularly those persons who work in our children's schools, to be able to identify signs of suspected cases of child abuse and/or child neglect and to have the tools to know how to make a report to the proper authorities.

## Identification of Child Abuse and Neglect

Child abuse is more than bruises or broken bones. While physical abuse often leaves visible scars, not all child abuse is as obvious, but can do just as much harm. It is important that individuals working with and around children be able to know what constitutes child abuse or child neglect and know how to identify potential signs.

Child Abuse and/or Child Neglect Can Be Any of the Following:

- A physical injury inflicted on a child by another person other than by accidental means.
- The sexual abuse, assault, or exploitation of a child.
- The negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances indicating harm or threatened harm to the child's health or welfare. This is whether the harm or threatened harm is from acts or omissions on the part of the responsible person.
- The willful harming or endangerment of the person or health of a child, any cruel or inhumane corporal punishment or any injury resulting in a traumatic condition.

One does not have to be physically present or witness the abuse to identify suspected cases of abuse, or even have definite proof that a child may be subject to child abuse or neglect. Rather, the law requires that a person have a "reasonable suspicion" that a child has been the subject of child abuse or neglect. Under the law, this means that it is reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion of child abuse or neglect, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person, in a like position, drawing, when appropriate, on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect.

Red flags for abuse and neglect are often identified by observing a child's behavior at school, recognizing physical signs, and observations of dynamics during routine interactions with certain adults. While the following signs are not proof that a child is the subject of abuse or neglect, they should prompt one to look further.

Warning Signs of Emotional Abuse in Children

- Excessively withdrawn, fearful, or anxious about doing something wrong.
- Shows extremes in behavior (extremely compliant or extremely demanding; extremely passive or extremely aggressive).
- Doesn't seem to be attached to the parent or caregiver.
- Acts either inappropriately adult-like (taking care of other children) or inappropriately infantile (rocking, thumb-sucking, throwing tantrums).

# Warning Signs of Physical Abuse in Children

- Frequent injuries or unexplained bruises, welts, or cuts.
- Is always watchful and "on alert" as if waiting for something bad to happen.

- Injuries appear to have a pattern such as marks from a hand or belt.
- Shies away from touch, flinches at sudden movements, or seems afraid to go home.
- Wears inappropriate clothing to cover up injuries, such as long-sleeved shirts on hot days.

# Warning Signs of Neglect in Children

- Clothes are ill-fitting, filthy, or inappropriate for the weather.
- Hygiene is consistently bad (unbathed, matted and unwashed hair, noticeable body odor).
- Untreated illnesses and physical injuries.
- Is frequently unsupervised or left alone or allowed to play in unsafe situations and environments.
- Is frequently late or missing from school.

# Warning Signs of Sexual Abuse in Children

- Trouble walking or sitting.
- Displays knowledge or interest in sexual acts inappropriate to his or her age, or even seductive behavior.
- Makes strong efforts to avoid a specific person, without an obvious reason.
- Doesn't want to change clothes in front of others or participate in physical activities.
- A sexually transmitted disease (STD) or pregnancy, especially under the age of fourteen.
- Runs away from home.

# Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

Community members have an important role in protecting children from abuse and neglect. While not mandated by law to do so, if child abuse or neglect is suspected, a report should be filed with qualified and experienced agencies that will investigate the situation. Examples of these agencies are listed below. Parents and guardians of pupils have the right to file a complaint against anyone they suspect has engaged in abuse or neglect of a child. **Community members do not need to provide their name when making a report of child abuse or neglect.** 

School volunteers, while not mandated reporters, should also be encouraged to report any suspected cases of abuse and neglect. Additionally, school volunteers are highly encouraged by the law to have training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. The training offered online to mandated reporters, is equally available to school volunteers.

# **Obligations of Mandated Reporters**

A list of persons whose profession qualifies them as "mandated reporters" of child abuse or neglect is found in California Penal Code Section 11165.7. The list is extensive and continues to grow. It includes all school/district employees, administrators, and athletic coaches. All persons hired into positions included on the list of mandated reporters are required, upon employment, to be provided with a statement, informing them that they are a mandated reporter and their obligations to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect pursuant to California Penal Code Section 11166.5.

All persons who are mandated reporters are required, by law, to report all known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. It is not the job of the mandated reporter to determine whether the allegations are valid. If child abuse or neglect is reasonably suspected or if a pupil shares information with a mandated reporter leading him/her to believe abuse or neglect has taken place, the report must be made. No supervisor or administrator can impede or inhibit a report or subject the reporting person to any sanction.

To make a report, an employee must contact an appropriate local law enforcement or county child welfare agency, listed below. This legal obligation is not satisfied by making a report of the incident to a supervisor or to the school. An appropriate law enforcement agency may be one of the following:

- A Police or Sheriff's Department (not including a school district police department or school security department).
- A County Probation Department, if designated by the county to receive child abuse reports.

• A County Welfare Department/County Child Protective Services.

The report should be made immediately over the telephone and should be followed up in writing. The law enforcement agency has special forms for this purpose that they will ask you to complete. If a report cannot be made immediately over the telephone, then an initial report may be made via e-mail or fax. A report may also be filed at the same time with your school district or county office of education (COE). School districts and COEs, however, do not investigate child abuse allegations, nor do they attempt to contact the person suspected of child abuse or neglect.

School districts and COEs may have additional policies adopted at the local level relating to the duties of mandated reporters. School staff should consult with their district to determine if there are additional steps that must be taken.

These policies do not take the place of reporting to an appropriate local law enforcement or county child welfare agency.

# New Required Training for School Employees

Effective January 1, 2015, Assembly Bill 1432 (D-Gatto) requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to train all employees each year on what they need to know in order to identify and report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. "All employees" includes anybody working on the LEA's behalf, such as teachers, teacher's aides, classified employees, and any other employees whose duties bring them into direct contact and supervision of students.

## **Rights to Confidentiality and Immunity**

Mandated reporters are required to give their names when making a report. However, the reporter's identity is kept confidential. Reports of suspected child abuse are also confidential. Mandated reporters have immunity from state criminal or civil liability for reporting as required. This is true even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge, or suspicion of the abuse or neglect, outside his/her professional capacity or scope of employment.

# Consequences of Failing to Report

A person who fails to make a required report is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and/or up to a \$1,000 fine (California Penal Code Section 11166[c]).

### After the Report is Made

The local law enforcement agency is required to investigate all reports. Cases may also be investigated by Child Welfare Services when allegations involve abuse or neglect within families.

### Child Protective Services

The Child Protective Services (CPS) is the major organization to intervene in child abuse and neglect cases in California. Existing law provides for services to abused and neglected children and their families. More information can be found at <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us</u> > social services > Report Abuse (<u>http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=4184</u>)

# Get Safety Trained



# **New User Registration**

- 1. For first time registration, go to www.crma-jpa.org
- 2. Select "Training and Risk Management" which can be found toward the top of the webpage.



- 3. Select this icon to begin.
- 4. Select the blue letters that say, "Are you a New User?" in the User Sign In Box.
- 5. Select the first letter of your School District from the drop down list and then click Continue.
- 6. Select your School District and click Submit.
- 7. Complete the registration form with name, job title, etc., and click Agree.
- 8. You will then be directed to your personal training page.

User Sign In (after you have registered as a new user)

- 1. Go to www.getsafetytrained.com to the User Sign In Box
- 2. Enter the email address you used to register.
- 3. Enter your password.
- 4. Select the first letter of your School District from the drop down list and then click Sign in.
- 5. Select your School District and click Submit.
- 6. You will be directed to your personal training page.
- 7. From your personal training page, you may edit your personal information, take an online training course, view available, required, completed or past-due courses, and print your certificates.
- 8. Go to view All Courses and click on Child Abuse Training for Educators.







# SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

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SS 8572 (Rev. 12/0 2)

#### **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE**

DO NOT submit a copy of this form to the Department of Justice (DOJ). The investigating agency is required under Penal Code Section 11169 to submit to DOJ a Child Abuse Investigation Report Form SS 8583 if (1) an active investigation was conducted and (2) the incident was determined not to be unfounded

WHITE COPY-Police or Sheriff's Department; BLUE COPY-County Welfare or Probation Department; GREEN COPY-District Attorney's Office; YELLOW COPY-Reporting Party

#### DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM SS 8572

All Penal Code (PC) references are located in Article 2.5 of the PC. This article is known as the Child use and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA). The provisions of CANRA may be viewed at: <u>http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html</u> (specify "Penal Code" and search for Sections 11164-11174.3). A mandated reporter must complete and submit the form SS 8572 even if some of the requested information is not known. (PC Section 11167(a).)

#### I. MANDATED CHILD ABUSE REPORTERS

• Mandated child abuse reporters include all those individuals and entities listed in PC Section 11165.7.

# II. TO WHOM REPORTS ARE TO BE MADE ("DESIGNATED AGENCIES")

• Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be made by mandated reporters to any police department or sheriff's department (not including a school district police or security department), the county probation department (if designated by the county to receive mandated reports), or the county welfare department. (PC Section 11165.9.)

#### III. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect shall report such suspected incident of abuse or neglect to a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and shall prepare and send a written report thereof *within 36 hours* of receiving the information concerning the incident. (PC Section 11166(a).)
- No mandated reporter who reports a suspected incident of child abuse or neglect shall be held civilly or criminally liable for any report required or authorized by CANRA. Any other person reporting a known or suspected incident of child abuse or neglect shall not incur civil or criminal liability as a result of any report authorized by CANRA unless it can be proven the report was false and the person knew it was false or made the report with reckless disregard of its truth or falsity. (PC Section 11172(a).)

#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS

 SECTION A - REPORTING PARTY: Enter the mandated reporter's name, title, category (from PC Section 11165.7), business/agency name and address, daytime telephone number, and today's date. Check yes-no whether the mandated reporter witnessed the incident. The signature area is for either the mandated reporter or, if the report is telephoned in by the mandated reporter, the person taking the telephoned report.

#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

- SECTION B REPORT NOTIFICATION: Complete the name and address of the designated agency notified, the date/time of the phone call, and the name, title, and telephone number of the official contacted.
- SECTION C - VICTIM (One Report per Victim): Enter the victim's name, address, telephone number, birth date or approximate age, sex, ethnicity, present location, and, where applicable, enter the school, class (indicate the teacher's name or room number), and grade. List the primary language spoken in the victim's home. Check the appropriate yes-no box to indicate whether the victim may have a developmental disability or physical disability and specify any other apparent disability. Check the appropriate yes-no box to indicate whether the victim is in foster care, and check the appropriate box to indicate the type of care if the victim was in out-of-home care. Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of abuse. List the victim's relationship to the suspect. Check the appropriate ves-no box to indicate whether photos of the injuries were taken. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the incident resulted in the victim's death.
- SECTION D INVOLVED PARTIES: Enter the requested information for: Victim's Siblings, Victim's Parents/Guardians, and Suspect. Attach extra sheet(s) if needed (provide the requested information for each individual on the attached sheet(s)).
- SECTION E INCIDENT INFORMATION: If multiple victims, indicate the number and submit a form for each victim. Enter date/time and place of the incident. Provide a narrative of the incident. Attach extra sheet(s) if needed.

#### V. DISTRIBUTION

- **Reporting Party:** After completing Form SS 8572, retain the yellow copy for your records and submit the top three copies to the designated agency.
- Designated Agency: *Within 36 hours* of receipt of Form SS 8572, send white copy to police or sheriff's department, blue copy to county welfare or probation department, and green copy to district attorney's office.

1 Alaskan Native	6 Caribbean	11 Guamanian	16 Korean	22 Polynesian	27 White-Armenian
2 American Indian	7 Central American	12 Hawaiian	17 Laotian	23 Samoan	28 White-Central American
3 Asian Indian	8 Chinese	13 Hispanic	18 Mexican	24 South American	29 White-European
4 Black	9 Ethiopian	14 Hmong	19 Other Asian	25 Vietnamese	30 White-Middle Eastern
5 Cambodian	10 Filipino	15 Japanese	21 Other Pacific Islander	26 White	31 White-Romanian

#### ETHNICITY CODES

#### PERSONNEL

Sexual Harassment

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify, or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and accompanying administrative regulation. This policy shall apply to all district employees and, when applicable, to interns, volunteers, and job applicants.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

- 1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
- 2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

- 3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
- 4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (2 CCR 11023)

Any district employee who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator, or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal, or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action) (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex GOVERNMENT CODE 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially: 12940 Prohibited discrimination 12950.1 Sexual harassment training LABOR CODE 1101 Political activities of employees 1102.1 Discrimination: sexual orientation CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11009 Employment discrimination 11021 Retaliation 11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction 11024 Sexual harassment training and education 11034 Terms, conditions, and privileges of employment CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42 2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964 2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34 106.9 Dissemination of policy COURT DECISIONS Department of Health Services v. Superior Court of California, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 1026 Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2275 Burlington Industries v. Ellreth, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2257 Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 1989 Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Serv. Inc., (1998) 118 S.Ct. 998 Meritor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson et al., (1986) 447 U.S. 57

Management Resources: OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January 1999 WEB SITESCalifornia Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: http://www.eeoc.gov U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html

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> CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Fresno, California

## Sexual Harassment

This administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

# **Definitions**

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting when: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11034)

- 1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
- 3. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

Prohibited sexual harassment also includes conduct which, regardless of whether or not it is motivated by sexual desire, is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably interfere with the victim's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
- 2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
- 3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

# <u>Training</u>

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees receive training regarding the district's sexual harassment policies when hired and periodically thereafter. The training shall include the procedures for reporting and/or filing complaints involving an employee, employees' duty to use the district's complaint procedures, and employee obligations when a sexual harassment

report involving a student is made to the employee.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures) (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment) (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All such newly hired or promoted employees shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A supervisory employee is any employee having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)

### (cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program for supervisory employees shall be aimed at assisting them in preventing and effectively responding to incidents of sexual harassment, as well as implementing mechanisms to promptly address and correct wrongful behavior. The training shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

- 1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws on the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment, the remedies available to sexual harassment victims in civil actions, and potential district and/or individual exposure or liability
- 2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and practical examples which illustrate sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
- 3. A supervisor's obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which he/she becomes aware and what to do if the supervisor himself/herself is personally accused of harassment
- 4. Strategies for preventing harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and appropriate steps to ensure that remedial measures are taken to correct harassing behavior, including an effective process for investigation of a complaint
- 5. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, including the limited confidentiality of the complaint process and resources for victims of unlawful sexual harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged sexual harassment, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
- 6. A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulation, which each participant shall acknowledge in writing that he/she has received
- 7. The definition and prevention of abusive conduct that addresses the use of derogatory

remarks, insults, or epithets, other verbal or physical conduct that a reasonable person would find threatening, intimidating, or humiliating, and the gratuitous sabotage or undermining of a person's work performance

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR 11024)

# **Notifications**

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall: (Education Code 231.5)

- 1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted
- 2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired

# (cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct

All employees shall receive either a copy of information sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or a copy of district information sheets that contain, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

- 1. The illegality of sexual harassment
- 2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
- 3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
- 4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
- 5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- 6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
- 7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, DFEH's poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment. (Government Code 12950)

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# SEXUAL HARASSMENT / TITLE IX CONSULTATION

COMPLAIN	ANT:	SCHOOL STATUS:				
(First name only, if complainant wishes to remain anonymous) (i.e. Student, Faculty, Other Employee, etc.)						
. WHO ha	WHO harassed you? What is the person's role (Teacher, Student Administrator, etc?)					
. HOW dia	HOW did the harassment take place? (Be explicit)					
. WHERE	WHERE did it take place?					
. WHEN d	WHEN did it take place? (Date and time, if possible)					
. HOW OI	HOW OFTEN, if more than once?					
. How did	How did you FEEL about it? What was your response?					
. In what v	In what way does the alleged harasser have POWER over the academic/career success (or well-being) of the harassed? **At the present time? Were					
there any	there any WITNESSES?  Yes No If yes, who?					
a. b. c. d. e. •. Do you th	ell anyone about your experience after the incident? WHO? WHEN? WHERE? WHAT did you tell them? WHAT was their RESPONSE? ink OTHER VICTIMS might exist? Yes No, If yes describe:					
	Do you have, or think you can discretely obtain, KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER INCIDENCES of sexual harassment by the alleged harasser?					
	a. Were they explicitly stated?  Yes  No   How?					
a. b.	Implied?  Yes No   How?					
	me has elapsed since the incident, have any CONSEQUENCES occurred? WHAT? HOW?	Y 🗆 Yes 🗆 No 🗆 N/A				
	What would you like DONE?					
a.	For you?					
b.	For others?					
c.	c. With respect to the alleged harasser?					
TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER						
Interviewer:			Date:			

- A. Has sexual harassment occurred?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No
  - a. How severe is the harassment?
  - b. Does it warrant emergency action?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No
  - c. Is informal resolution suitable?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No
- **B.** What is the potential for retaliation?
  - a. Can I realistically protect the complainant?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No
- C. Can the complainant protect himself/herself? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No | What options is the complainant willing to pursue?
- **D.** Disciplinary/Corrective measures taken:  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No | Describe: