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2017-2018 Staff Handbook

American Indian Public Charter School (Grades 6-8)

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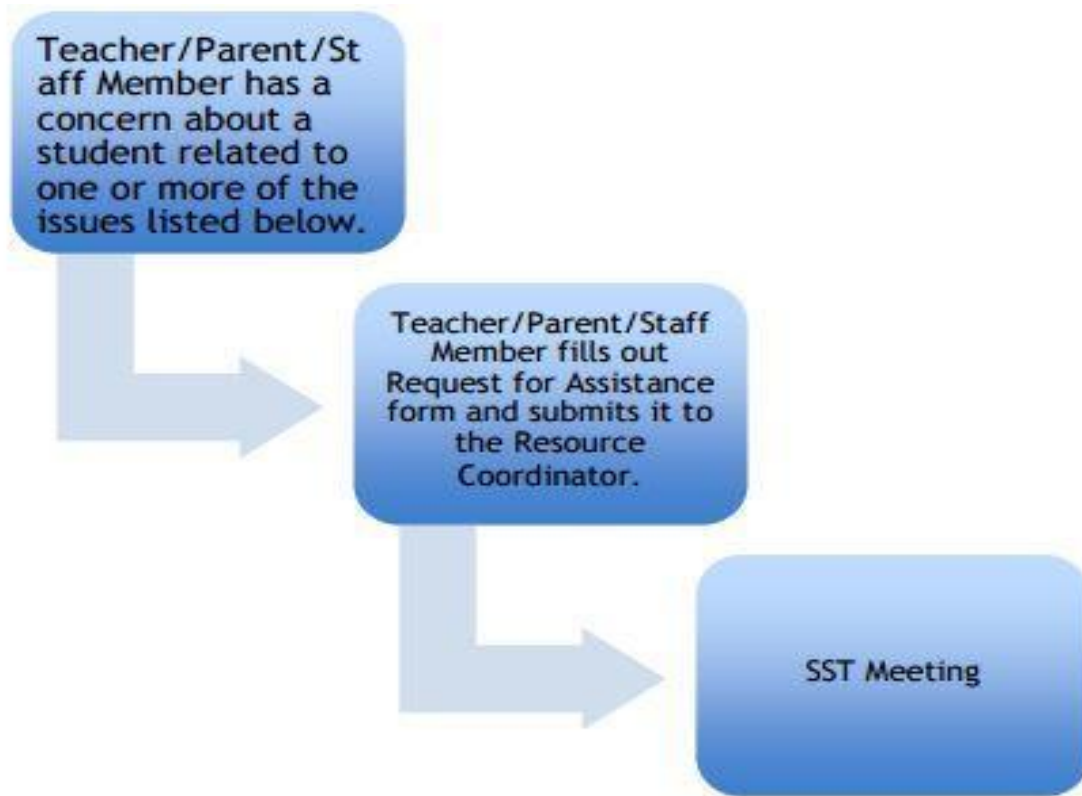
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*If the observed indicators of ANY of these areas of concern meet the criteria outlined under California **Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Law**, please refer to <http://mandatedreporter.ca.com/> for the appropriate reporting/intervention guidelines.

How to Initiate an SST meeting:



ii. Sample Initial Student Success Team (SST) Agenda

- ✓ Welcome & Expectations (2-3 minutes)
 - *Uninterrupted listening*
 - *Respect for time*
 - *Adhere to topics*
- ✓ Review of Student Strengths (2-3 minutes)
- ✓ Situation Identification & Clarification of Function of Behavior (4-5 minutes)
- ✓ Brainstorm Interventions (6-8 minutes)
- ✓ Evaluate Interventions (6-8 minutes)
- ✓ Select Intervention(s) & Measurements (3-4 minutes)
- ✓ Write Action Plan (4-5 minutes)
- ✓ Summarize & Close (1-2 minutes)

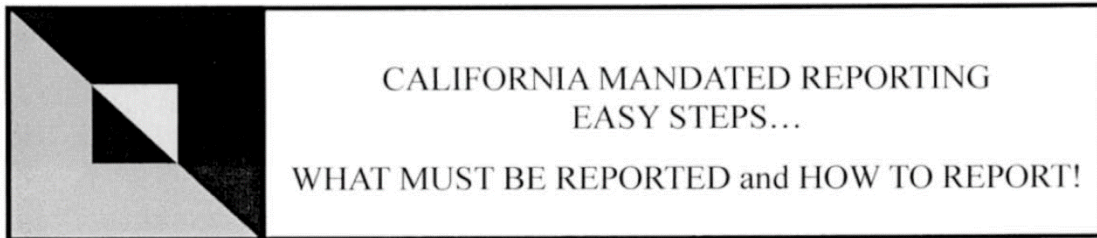
CHILD ABUSE REPORTING POLICY

Child abuse includes: physical abuse, sexual abuse (including both sexual assault and sexual exploitation), willful cruelty or unjustified punishment, unlawful corporal punishment or injury that is willfully inflicted, resulting in a traumatic condition, and neglect (including both acts and omissions). Child neglect is defined as negligent treatment which threatens a child's health or welfare.

In accordance with Sections 11164-11174.3 of the California Penal Code, all certificated employees, employees of child care centers, instructional aides, teacher's aides, teacher's assistants, and classified employees who have been trained in the duties imposed by this law are considered to be mandated reporters. Any one of these specified employees who knows or reasonably suspects that a child has been a victim of a child abuse incident must do the following:

1. Report the incident to a child protective agency (i.e., Department of Children and Family Services), the Police (not School Police), or Sheriff's Department, County Probation Department, or a County Welfare Department immediately by telephone.
2. Send a written report of the incident to the same agency within 36 hours. Although the Penal Code obligation to report applies to the aforementioned employees only, it is the policy of AIMS that all employees shall comply with the law's reporting procedure whenever they have knowledge of or observe a child in the course of their employment whom they know or reasonably suspect to have been the victim of child abuse.

Additionally, teachers and counselors are legally bound to inform a parent and/or authority in the following instances: (1) when a student indicates he or she is going to physically harm himself or herself or jeopardize his or her life; (2) when a student indicates he or she is going to physically harm another person or jeopardize another person's life or has knowledge that another person's well-being is threatened; (3) when a student indicates he or she is being physically and/or emotionally abused; (4) when a student indicates he or she has committed a felony.



What Must be Reported:

Any of the below acts involving anyone under the age of 18:

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect

The mandated reporter must only have *reasonable suspicion* that a child has been mistreated. The case will be further investigated by law enforcement and/or child welfare services.

How to Report:

By Phone: Immediately, make a telephone report to child welfare services or to a Police or Sheriff's department. For a list of phone numbers for child welfare services see attached pages.

1. Child Welfare Services phone # 510-259-1800
2. Police Department phone # 510-777-3333
3. Sheriff Department phone # 510-272-6878

In Writing: With 36 hours, fax a written report must be faxed or by electronic submission. The written report should be completed on a state form called the 8572, which can be downloaded at http://ag.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf

Other information:

- Safeguards for Mandated Reporters:
 1. The child abuse and Neglect Report Act (CANRA) states that the name of the mandated reporter is strictly confidential, although it is provided to investigative parties working on the case.
 2. As long as a report is filed on good faith, a mandated reporter cannot be sued in civil or criminal court.
- Failure to report:
 - Failure to report concerns of child abuse or neglect is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable in California by six months in jail and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.
- For the complete law and a list of mandated reporters refer to California Penal Codes 11164-11174.3.

This document and Mandated Reporting information can be found at www.mandatedreporter.ca.com