

LEVELLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-2010

Prevention of Child Abuse Overview

The 81st legislative session passed HB 1041 relating to school district policies addressing sexual abuse of children and the establishment of a state strategy to reduce child abuse and neglect and improve child welfare. The implementation of this law will be instrumental in the development of best practices for student and school safety. The safety of our students in the Levelland Independent School District is of the utmost importance. Any campus can be the target of violence and the distribution of information will enable LISD to utilize a benchmark to measure our efforts to keep our students safe and secure.

Please see the link below that includes the information the Levelland ISD will utilize to implement HB 1041:

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

Research has demonstrated that five important factors can help protect children from the risk of child abuse and neglect.

1. Nurturing and attachment
2. Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
3. Parental resilience
4. Social connections
5. Concrete support for parents

It is with this focus the Levelland Independent School District will utilize this information for staff development as well as parental support in creating and promoting healthy families. LISD will distribute brochures to further assist parents and district employees understand the legal obligation, legal protection, and warning signs of abuse.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's campus principal, assistant principal, or counselor for concerns or questions related to this information. In addition, parents may contact the district's Director of Administrative Services and Personnel at 894-9628 x 239 for more information.