

MISSION VIEW PUBLIC CHARTER

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION POLICY

This policy is adopted in accordance with Senate Bill 1104 (2018; Education Code section 49381), which requires the Board of Directors of the Charter School (“Board”) to work with the Charter School to identify the most appropriate methods of informing parents and guardians of students in grades 6 through 12, as applicable, of human trafficking prevention resources, and to implement the methods by January 1, 2020.

The Board recognizes that domestic minor sex trafficking – the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act – is a significant issue of local, state and national concern.

Further, the Board recognizes that factors outside of the Charter School learning environment, including safety and the risk of abuse, affects the ability of students to be successful in school.

As such, the Charter School shall provide, whenever possible, services to students including, but not limited to, counseling, social work services, and other services that provide wraparound assistance to a student in need.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Charter School has worked with the Charter School to identify the following as the most appropriate methods of informing parents and guardians of students of human trafficking prevention resources, which shall be implemented by the Charter School by January 1, 2020:

1. Beginning January 1, 2020, Charter School staff will include Human Trafficking Prevention Training to their current Professional Development as required by law.
2. Students will participate in activities for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, which is in January.
3. The Charter School will post information on its website providing contact information and hotline numbers for Human Trafficking Prevention resources and services, and a toll-free number and email for direct communication with a School Counselor or School Social Worker.
4. The Principal or designated staff member will ensure information regarding Human Trafficking Prevention will be placed in each restroom of the learning center. A School Counselor or School Social Worker will be available upon request to provide student and family additional support as needed.
5. The Charter School shall provide referrals to partner organizations, when available, that offer support services outside of the Charter School, particularly those government agencies and organizations equipped to respond to the specific needs of victims of sex trafficking.

Key Indicators of Human Trafficking that Should be Reported – General Rules on Human Trafficking Awareness. The Student:

- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis and/or has unexplained absences
- Frequently runs away from home
- Makes references to frequent travel to other cities
- Exhibits bruises or other signs of physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression or fear
- Lacks control over his or her schedule and/or identification or travel documents
- Shows signs of drug addiction
- Has coached/rehearsed responses to questions

Additional signs that may indicate sex trafficking include:

- Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, hygiene, relationships, or material possessions
- Acts uncharacteristically promiscuous and/or makes references to sexual situations or terminology that are beyond age-specific norms
- Has a “boyfriend” or “girlfriend” who is noticeably older
- Attempts to conceal recent scars

Additional signs that may indicate labor trafficking include:

- Expresses need to pay off a debt
- Expresses concern for family members’ safety if they share too much information
- Works long hours and receives little or no payment
- Cares for children not from their own family
- Is hungry, malnourished, deprived of sleep, or inappropriately dressed (based on weather conditions or surroundings)

Resources

- Homeland Security Blue Campaign: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>
- Office of Justice Programs: <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/providers.html>
- Share Hope International: <https://sharedhope.org>
- National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or Text “Help” or “Info” to 233733

How to Report

- To report suspected trafficking crimes, get help, or learn more about human trafficking from a nongovernmental organization, call the toll-free (24/7) National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888.
- To report suspected human trafficking crimes or to get help from law enforcement, call toll-free (24/7) 1-866-347-2423, or submit a tip online at www.ice.gov/tips.
- To report sexually exploited or abused minors, call the National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children's (NCMEC) hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST, or report incidents at <http://www.cybertipline.org>.

- 911 Emergency: For urgent situations, notify local law enforcement immediately by calling 911. You may also want to alert the National Human Trafficking Hotline described above so that they can ensure response by law enforcement officials knowledgeable about human trafficking.