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Policy 8464 MISSING CHILDREN

The Board of Education directs the establishment and implementation of a program for the identification and reporting of children missing from the educational system.

Used in this policy, "parent" means the parent or parents or guardian having legal custody and control of a minor child.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement procedures to identify children who have been withdrawn from this district without enrollment in another school or school district or pupils who have been willfully or neglectfully removed from school by protracted absences without good cause. Children so identified shall be reported promptly to the Vineland Police Department. The Board authorizes the release of the child's name, age, gender, last known home address, and physical description and the parent's name and work place, if known, to the Vineland Police Department. Reasonable attempts shall be made to determine the cause of a child's unauthorized absence and to remediate the cause to the extent possible within the school setting. The Superintendent shall report periodically to the Board the results of the program for the identification of children missing from the educational program.

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