

Instruction

Education For Homeless Children

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students.

Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

When there are at least 15 homeless students in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific action to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on outcomes for homeless students, which may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, the district shall revise its strategies as needed to better support the education of homeless students.

- Legal References: EDUCATION CODE
- 2558.2 Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children
 - 39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents
 - 48850 Educational rights; participation in extracurricular activities
 - 48852.5 Notice of educational rights of homeless students
 - 48852.7 Enrollment of homeless students

48915.5 Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities
48918.1 Notice of recommended expulsion
51225.1-51225.3 Graduation requirements
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations
CDE PUBLICATIONS
Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process,
January 30, 2007
NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOMELESS EDUCATION
PUBLICATIONS
Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2013
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Non-
Regulatory Guidance, July 2004

Web Sites

California Child Welfare Council:
<http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CAChildWelfareCouncil.aspx>
California Department of Education, Homeless Children and
Youth Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy>
National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE:
<http://www.serve.org/nche>
U.S. Department of Education
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty:
<http://www.nlchp.org>

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