

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

It is the policy of the Board of Education that homeless children and youth have access to the academic resources, services and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all pupils. Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

Homeless students shall have access to educational opportunities and other services, including transportation, necessary to help them meet the academic achievement standards to which all pupils are held. In all instances, educational and placement decisions for homeless children and youth shall be based on the students' best interests as defined in law.

In support of this policy and in compliance with state and federal law, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint a liaison for homeless youth. The liaison for homeless youth shall facilitate the proper educational placement, prompt enrollment in school, and checkout from school of homeless students and assist them when transferring from one school to another in ensuring proper transfer of credits, records and grades, as well as transportation services.

The Office of Education homeless youth liaison shall participate in disseminating public notices on the educational rights of homeless children to county agencies and other local entities that serve homeless families and children for use by the agencies in assisting homeless families and children in accessing educational services.

When there are at least 15 homeless students in county office operated schools, the office's local control accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions 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.

INSTRUCTION

Board Policy 6173.2(b)

Upon receiving notice of a dispute regarding school selection and/or enrollment of a homeless student, the Office of Education's homeless youth liaison shall carry out the dispute resolution process provided by the state.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1981-1986 County community schools

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 accountability plan

CODE OF REGULATIONS

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

49061 Student records

49076 Access to student records

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Policy

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