

The Governing Board ~~believes desires that the identification of homeless students is critical to improving the educational outcomes of such students and ensuring~~ that homeless students 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 ~~them such students~~ to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

~~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 actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students. (Education Code 52052, 52060, 52064)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ~~regularly review and recommend updates to district policies to ensure the removal of any barriers to the education of homeless students and unaccompanied youth. Any such review shall address identify and remove any barriers to the identification, enrollment,~~ identification, enrollment, ~~of homeless students~~ and retention of ~~homeless~~ such students, including those barriers that are due to absences or outstanding fees or fines. (42 USC 11432)

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The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as a liaison for homeless children and youths. The district liaison for homeless students shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting homeless students to succeed in school.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each district school identifies all homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths enrolled at the school. (Education Code 48851)~~

~~To ensure easy identification of homeless students, the Superintendent or designee shall annually administer a housing questionnaire developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) to all parents/guardians of students and all unaccompanied youths. (Education Code 48851)~~

~~If the primary language of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth is not English, either the housing questionnaire shall be made available in the primary language of the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth pursuant to Education Code 48985, or an appropriate translation of the housing questionnaire shall be provided upon request of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth. (Education Code 48851)~~

~~In addition, order to identify district students who are homeless, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district liaison's contact information and other information on homelessness, including, but not limited to, information regarding the educational rights and~~

~~resources available to persons experiencing homelessness, are posted on the district and school web sites as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48852.6) may give a housing questionnaire to all parents/guardians during school registration, make referral forms readily available, include the district liaison's contact information on the district and school websites, provide materials in a language easily understood by families and students, provide school staff with professional development on the definition and signs of homelessness, and contact appropriate local agencies to coordinate referrals for homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth.~~

~~Information about a homeless student's living situation shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g. (42 USC 11432)~~

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.

Each homeless student shall be provided services that are comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programs for which the student meets the eligibility criteria (such as federal Title I services or similar state or local programs, programs for students with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners), career and technical education programs, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs. (42 USC 11432)

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. However, the Superintendent or designee may separate homeless students on school grounds as necessary for short periods of time for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the unique needs of homeless students. (42 USC 11432, 11433)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that information and/or materials for homeless students are provided in a manner and form understandable to the parents/guardians of homeless students and to unaccompanied youths.

Information about a homeless student's living situation shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g, and shall not be released without written consent. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities to ensure that homeless children and youth are promptly identified, ensure that homeless students have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. Toward these ends, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social services agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youth, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the district and with other involved local educational agencies, services for homeless students and services for students

with disabilities. (42 USC 11432)

Education Code 48852.5 ~~as amended by SB 1068 (Ch. 538, Statutes of 2016)~~, requires ~~the~~ CDE to provide specified informational and training materials to district liaisons, including informational materials on the educational rights of homeless children and youth and resources available to assist homeless children and youth. ~~Education Code 48852.5, It also requires the CDE to adopt policies and practices to ensure that liaisons participate in professional development and technical assistance programs as amended by SB 400 (Ch. 400, Statutes of 2021), also requires CDE to develop and implement a system to verify that districts are providing the required training to school personnel providing services to youth experiencing homelessness at least annually.~~

~~At least annually, the d~~District liaison and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless students. ~~Such professional development and technical assistance shall include, but are not limited to, and to provide~~ training on the definitions of terms related to homelessness, ~~the signs of homelessness, the steps that should be taken once a potentially homeless student is identified, and how to connect homeless students with appropriate housing and service providers.~~ (Education Code 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the identification of and outcomes for homeless students, which may include, but are not limited to, the housing questionnaire responses, 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 more effectively identify and support the education of homeless students.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State Description

5 CCR 4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

Ed. Code 39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents

[Ed. Code 48850-48859 Education of students in foster care and students who are homeless, especially:](#)

Ed. Code 48850 ~~Participation of homeless students and foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports~~[Academic achievement of students in foster care and homeless children](#)

[Ed. Code 48851 Identification of homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths; housing questionnaire](#)

[Ed. Code 48851.5 Local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths](#)

Ed. Code 48852.5 Notice of educational rights of homeless students [Ed. Code 48852.6 Web site](#)

[posting of information regarding homelessness](#) Ed. Code 48852.7 Education of homeless students; immediate enrollment [Ed. Code 48859 Definitions](#)

Ed. Code 48915.5 Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities Ed. Code 48918.1

Notice of recommended expulsion

[Ed. Code 48985 Notices to parents in language other than English](#)

Ed. Code 51225.1-51225.3 Graduation requirements

Ed. Code 52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups Ed. Code 52060-52077

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Federal Description

20 USC 1087wv Free Application for Federal Student Aid; definitions 20 USC 1232g Family

Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 [20 USC 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities](#)

[Education Act](#) 20 USC 6311 State plan

42 USC 11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

42 USC 12705 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; state and local strategies

Management Resources Description

California Child Welfare Council Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations

[California Department of Education Publication](#) California Department of Education

Publication

National Center for Homeless Education Publication

[2021-22 Federal Program Monitoring Instrument, May 2021](#)

Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, ~~January 30, 2007~~ [March 2020](#)

Homeless Liaison Toolkit, ~~2013~~ [2020](#)

~~U.S. Department of Education Guidance Dear Colleague Letter, July 27, 2016~~

U.S. Department of Education Guidance Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non Regulatory Guidance, ~~July 2016~~ [August 2018](#)

[Website California Community Colleges \(https://www.cccco.edu\)](https://www.cccco.edu)

Website California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education

[Website California Interscholastic Federation \(https://www.cifstate.org/landing/index\)](https://www.cifstate.org/landing/index)

[Website California State University \(https://www.calstate.edu\)](https://www.calstate.edu) Website National Center for

Homeless Education at SERVE

Website National [Homelessness](#) Law Center ~~on Homelessness and Poverty~~

[Website University of California](#)

[\(https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu\)](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)

Website U.S. Department of Education - Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grants for State and Local Activities

Website California Child Welfare Council

[\(https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/committees/california-child-welfare-council\)](https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/committees/california-child-welfare-council)

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