

Education for Homeless Students

BP 6173 Instruction

The Governing Board desires to ensure 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 these students to meet the same challenging academic 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.

Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from his/her school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries, but continues to attend his/her school of origin within this district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[1980-1986](#) County community schools

[2558.2](#) Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children

[39807.5](#) Payment of transportation costs by parents

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[11431-11435](#) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, July 2004

WEB SITES

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>

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: <http://www.nlchp.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

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