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Homeless and Foster Children and Youth: Differences and Similarities within the Law

Legal Requirement	Homeless	Foster
School District Liaison	Federal requirement	
School of Origin (SB 445- Ch. 289, Stats 2015) (ESSA – eff. 10-1-16)	Last school enrolled or attending when permanently housed or any school attended within the last 15 months. Once permanently housed, student may remain until the end of the school year (PK-8) or through graduation (9-12 th). May matriculate with peers if still homeless, includes pre-kindergarten.	Any school attended within the last 15 months. When no longer under court jurisdiction, the student can attend for the duration of the school year (K-8) or through graduation (9-12). May matriculate with peers.
Enrollment	Required immediately, regardless of lack of documentation, immunizations, etc.	
Immunizations	Must be enrolled regardless of lack of immunization information including Tdap.	
School Transfer of Records	State: completed within 10 days	State: completed within 2 days of receiving request
Special Education	Appropriate and immediate placement in classes regardless of records; 30-day review.	
Equal access	Every program or afterschool activity that any other student would qualify for.	
Free and Reduced Lunch	Automatic qualification	
Transportation (SB445 - Ch. 289, Stats. 2015)	Provided or arranged by district(s), if needed. If student attends school in one district and resides in another; both districts must work together or split the cost. LEA is obligated to transport formerly homeless youth until the end of the school year.	Provided by caregiver or foster parent. Placement agency must provide reimbursement to caregiver. This applies only to students not receiving transportation services through an IEP.
Partial Credits (AB 1806 – Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (SB 578 – Ch. 472, Stats. 2011)	Schools must provide credits based on the amount of time student was present, regardless of whether student completed the semester at the school.	
Grade and Credit Protection (AB 1806 – Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (AB 490 – Ch. 862, Stats. 2003)	Student maintains grade and credit earned from previous school placement, even if student transfers mid-semester.	
Minimum Requirements for Graduation (AB 1806 – Ch. 767, Stats. 2014) (AB 216 – Ch. 324, Stats. 2013)	Must be considered homeless or foster youth, transfer after the 2 nd year of high school, unable to complete local requirements within 4 years or if offered a 5 th , and must be informed within 30 days of transfer.	
Dispute Resolution Process	Required to have process: District to County to State	Required to have a district process
Expulsion (AB 1806 – Ch. 767, Stats. 2014)	10 day notice to liaison for manifestation determination and expulsion hearing.	10 day notice to attorney, educational rights holder, and social worker for extension of suspension, manifestation determination and expulsion hearing.