

**UNIFORM COMPLAINTS - COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH, HOMELESS STUDENTS, FORMER JUVENILE COURT STUDENTS, MIGRATORY AND NEWLY ARRIVED IMMIGRANT STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN A “NEWCOMER PROGRAM,” AND STUDENTS LIVING IN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY HOUSEHOLDS –**

The following rights apply to foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court students, migratory and newly arrived immigrant students participating in a “newcomer program”<sup>1</sup>, and students living in the households of parents/guardians who are active duty members of the military:

- (1) The District shall accept coursework satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, even if the student did not complete the entire course; and must issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed. For students living in active duty military households, “public schools” include schools operated by the United States Department of Defense. (Ed. Code § 51225.2(b)); [also applies to migratory and newly arrived immigrant students in newcomer programs]
- (2) Students may not be required to retake a course satisfactorily completed elsewhere. If the student did not complete the entire course, the school district may not require that the student retake the portion already completed, unless the school district, in consultation with the holder of the student’s educational rights, finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the student must be enrolled in the same or equivalent course in order to continue and complete the entire course (Ed. Code § 51225.2(b) and (d)); [also applies to migratory and newly arrived immigrant students in newcomer programs]

Non-Compliance Complaints

Complaints of non-compliance may be filed with the District under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the District's decision may appeal to the California Department of Education (CDE) and receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of the CDE’s receipt of the appeal. (Ed. Code §§ 51225.1(m) and 51225.2(f).)

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<sup>1</sup> A newcomer program is a program designed to meet the academic and transitional needs of newly arrived immigrant students, with the development of English language proficiency as the primary objective. (Ed. Code § 51225.2 (a)(6).)