

TITLE: Education for Foster Youth	
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Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE) recognizes that foster youth may face significant barriers to achieving academic success due to their family circumstances, disruption to their educational program, and their emotional, social, and other health needs. To enable such students to achieve state and district academic standards, the Superintendent or designee shall provide them with full access to the district's educational program and implement strategies identified as necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of foster youth in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and administrative regulation. To that end, he/she shall designate a staff person as the district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

The Superintendent or designee and district liaison shall ensure that all appropriate staff, including, but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training on the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth and other related rights.

YCOE desires to provide foster youth with a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with his/her school, including, but not limited to, strategies that promote positive discipline and conflict resolution, the development of resiliency and interpersonal skills, and the involvement of foster parents, group home administrators, and/or other caretakers in school programs and activities.

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies and officials including, but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, and juvenile court officers. The Superintendent or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth.

At least annually and in accordance with the established timelines, the Superintendent or

designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes for foster youth regarding the goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP, including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates. As necessary, evaluation data shall be used to determine and recommend revisions to the LCAP for improving or increasing services for foster youth.

Federal	Description
20 USC 1415	Procedural safeguards
20 USC 6311	State plan
29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
42 USC 11431-11435	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
42 USC 670-679b	Federal assistance for foster care programs
Management Resources	Description
Alliance for Children's Rights Publication	Foster Youth Education Toolkit, December 2016
California Child Welfare Council	Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations
Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Pub.	Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide
CSBA Publication	Our Foster Youth: What School Boards Can Do, May 2016
CSBA Publication	Foster Youth: Supports for Success, Governance Brief, May 2016
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Non-Regulatory Guidance, June 2016
Website	National Center for Youth Law
Website	Foster Ed
Website	CSBA
Website	Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership
Website	California Youth Connection
Website	California Foster Youth Education Task Force
Website	California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office
Website	California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services
Website	California Child Welfare Council
Website	Alliance for Children's Rights
State	Description
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 32228-32228.5	Student safety and violence prevention
Ed. Code 42238.01-42238.07	Local control funding formula
Ed. Code 42920-42925	Foster children educational services
Ed. Code 48645-48646	Juvenile court schools
Ed. Code 48850	Academic achievement of students in foster care and homeless children
Ed. Code 48915.5	Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities
Ed. Code 48918.1	Notice of recommended expulsion
Ed. Code 49061	Student records, definitions

Ed. Code 49069.5	Students in foster care, grades and credits
Ed. Code 49076	Access to student records
Ed. Code 51225.1	Exemption from district graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51225.2	Former juvenile court school student defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation
Ed. Code 52060-52077	Local control and accountability plan
Ed. Code 56055	Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education
H&S Code 120341	Foster youth: school placement: immunization records
H&S Code 1522.41	Training and certification of group home administrators
H&S Code 1529.2	Training of licensed foster parents
W&I Code 16000-16014	Foster care placement
W&I Code 300	Minors subject to jurisdiction
W&I Code 309	Investigation and release of child
W&I Code 317	Appointment of legal counsel
W&I Code 361	Limitations on parental control
W&I Code 366.27	Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements
W&I Code 602	Minors violating law; ward of court
W&I Code 726	Limitations on parental control
W&I Code 727	Order of care, ward of court

Cross References

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0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan
0470	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
0500	Accountability
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3260	Fees And Charges
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3515.4	Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage
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3541	Transportation Routes And Services
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals

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4231	Staff Development
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5111	Admission
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5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
5125	Student Records
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5132	Dress And Grooming
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