

**TITLE: Education For Homeless Children**

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The Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE) believes that the identification of students experiencing homelessness is critical to providing services for improving the educational outcomes of such students and ensuring that such students have access to the same free and appropriate public education made available to other students. Students experiencing homelessness shall be provided with access to education and other services necessary for meeting the same challenging academic standards as other students.

When there are at least 15 students experiencing homelessness in a school or other County Office of Education (COE) program, the COE's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of such students. (Education Code 52052, 52064, 52066)

COE homeless education policies shall be reviewed at least once every three years and updated to ensure removal of any barriers to the education of students experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied youth. Such policy review shall address identification, enrollment, and retention of students experiencing homelessness, including those barriers that are due to absences or outstanding fees or fines. (Education Code 48851.3; 42 USC 11432)

Each student experiencing homelessness 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. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

Students experiencing homelessness shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way. On school grounds, students experiencing homelessness shall only be separated for short periods of time, as necessary for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet their unique needs. (42 USC 11432, 11433)

Information about the living situation of a student experiencing homelessness 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)

At least annually, the County Board shall receive a report on the identification of and outcomes for students experiencing homelessness, 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 COE's strategies shall be revised as needed to more effectively identify and support the education of students experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, the number of students experiencing homelessness graduating from the fourth or fifth year of high school who, for the prior school year, graduated with an exemption from COE-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements shall be annually reported to CDE, in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

The County Board hereby incorporates by reference the policies, procedures, and measures implemented by the County Superintendent of Schools to ensure the identification and full participation of students experiencing homelessness in COE schools, programs, and activities, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The designation of an appropriate staff person to serve as the COE's liaison for homeless children and youths who will assist and support students experiencing homelessness to succeed in school and fulfill other duties specified in Education Code 48851.3 and 42 USC 11432
2. Easy identification of students experiencing homelessness, including at each school, in accordance with law, through annual administration of a housing questionnaire to parents/guardians of all students and to unaccompanied youths, posting of the COE liaison's contact information and homeless education information on COE and school web sites, and collaboration with local social services agencies and other agencies or entities providing services to students experiencing homelessness, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities
3. Provision of homeless education information and/or materials to the students' parents/guardians and unaccompanied youths in a manner and form understandable to such parents/guardians and unaccompanied youths
4. Assurance that placement decisions for students experiencing homelessness are based on the student's best interest as defined in law

5. Annually report the number of students experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied youth, to the California Department of Education (CDE)

**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.

<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
20 USC 1087vv	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
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Child Welfare Council	Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations, September 2013
California Department of Education Publication	Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, March 2020
California Department of Education Publication	Federal Program Monitoring Instrument
National Center for Homeless Education Publication	Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2020
U.S. Department of Education Guidance	Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, August 2018
U.S. Department of Education Guidance	Dear Colleague Letter, July 27, 2016
Website	<a href="#">National Homelessness Law Center</a>
Website	<a href="#">University of California</a>
Website	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Education, Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grants for State and Local Activities</a>
Website	<a href="#">National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty</a>
Website	<a href="#">National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE</a>

Website	<a href="#">California State University</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Interscholastic Federation</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Community Colleges</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Child Welfare Council</a>
<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 39807.5	Payment of transportation costs by parents
Ed. Code 48850	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 48851.3	Homeless education program policies; liaison responsibilities
Ed. Code 48851.5	Local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths
Ed. Code 48852.3	Monitoring for compliance with chapter
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	Local control and accountability plan

### Cross References

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
0410	<a href="#"><u>Nondiscrimination In County Office Programs And Activities</u></a>
0460	<a href="#"><u>Local Control And Accountability Plan</u></a>
0460	<a href="#"><u>Local Control And Accountability Plan</u></a>
0470	<a href="#"><u>COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</u></a>
0500	<a href="#"><u>Accountability</u></a>
1400	<a href="#"><u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u></a>
3250	<a href="#"><u>Transportation Fees</u></a>
3250	<a href="#"><u>Transportation Fees</u></a>
3260	<a href="#"><u>Fees And Charges</u></a>
3260	<a href="#"><u>Fees And Charges</u></a>
3515.4	<a href="#"><u>Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage</u></a>
3515.4	<a href="#"><u>Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage</u></a>
3541	<a href="#"><u>Transportation Routes And Services</u></a>
3550	<a href="#"><u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u></a>
3550	<a href="#"><u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u></a>
3553	<a href="#"><u>Free And Reduced Price Meals</u></a>
3553	<a href="#"><u>Free And Reduced Price Meals</u></a>
4131	<a href="#"><u>Staff Development</u></a>
4231	<a href="#"><u>Staff Development</u></a>
4331	<a href="#"><u>Staff Development</u></a>
5111	<a href="#"><u>Admission</u></a>
5111	<a href="#"><u>Admission</u></a>
5111.1	<a href="#"><u>County Residency</u></a>
5111.1	<a href="#"><u>County Residency</u></a>
5125.1	<a href="#"><u>Release Of Directory Information</u></a>
5125.1	<a href="#"><u>Release Of Directory Information</u></a>

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5132	<a href="#"><u>Dress And Grooming</u></a>
5132	<a href="#"><u>Dress And Grooming</u></a>
5141.26	<a href="#"><u>Tuberculosis Testing</u></a>
5141.31	<a href="#"><u>Immunizations</u></a>
5141.31	<a href="#"><u>Immunizations</u></a>
5141.32	<a href="#"><u>Health Screening For School Entry</u></a>
5141.6	<a href="#"><u>School Health Services</u></a>
5141.6	<a href="#"><u>School Health Services</u></a>
5144.1	<a href="#"><u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u></a>
5144.1	<a href="#"><u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u></a>
5144.2	<a href="#"><u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)</u></a>
5145.6	<a href="#"><u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u></a>
5145.6-E(1)	<a href="#"><u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u></a>
5148.2	<a href="#"><u>Before/After School Programs</u></a>
5148.2	<a href="#"><u>Before/After School Programs</u></a>
5148.3	<a href="#"><u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u></a>
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6143	<a href="#"><u>Courses Of Study</u></a>
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6145	<a href="#"><u>Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities</u></a>
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6146.3	<a href="#"><u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u></a>
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6159.1	<a href="#"><u>Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education</u></a>
6159.1	<a href="#"><u>Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education</u></a>
6159.3	<a href="#"><u>Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students</u></a>
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6162.51	<a href="#"><u>State Academic Achievement Tests</u></a>
6162.51	<a href="#"><u>State Academic Achievement Tests</u></a>
6171	<a href="#"><u>Title I Programs</u></a>
6171	<a href="#"><u>Title I Programs</u></a>
6172	<a href="#"><u>Gifted And Talented Student Program</u></a>
6172	<a href="#"><u>Gifted And Talented Student Program</u></a>
6173.1	<a href="#"><u>Education For Foster Youth</u></a>
6173.1	<a href="#"><u>Education For Foster Youth</u></a>
6177	<a href="#"><u>Summer Learning Programs</u></a>
6179	<a href="#"><u>Supplemental Instruction</u></a>
6190	<a href="#"><u>Evaluation Of The Instructional Program</u></a>