

Policy 6173.1: Education For Foster Youth

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The Governing Board 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~~ **that may be addressed with the provision of a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and district harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic standards, the achievement.**

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall provide ~~them~~ **foster youth** 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 as identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).**

~~(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)~~

~~(cf. 3100 - Budget)~~

~~(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)~~

~~(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)~~

~~(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)~~

~~(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)~~

~~(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)~~

~~(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)~~

~~(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)~~

~~(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)~~

~~(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)~~

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall also develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with 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.

The Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and as **specified in the accompanying** administrative regulation. To that end, ~~he/she~~ **the Superintendent Chief**

Learning Officer or designee 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 Chief Learning Officer 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.

(cf.

~~4131 – Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231 – Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331 – Staff Development)~~

~~The Board 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 Chief Learning Officer 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.~~

~~(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)~~

~~(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)~~

~~(cf. 5131 – Conduct)~~

~~(cf. 5131.2 – Bullying)~~

~~(cf. 5137 – Positive School Climate)~~

~~(cf. 5138 – Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)~~

~~(cf. 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment)~~

~~(cf. 5145.9 – Hate-Motivated Behavior)~~

~~(cf. 6020 – Parent Involvement)~~

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer 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 Chief Learning Officer or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth.

~~(cf. 1020 – Youth Services)~~

At least annually and in accordance with the established timelines, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer 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.

Annually, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall report to the California Department of Education, in accordance with Education Code 51225.1, the number of foster youth graduating from the fourth or fifth year of high school who, for the prior school year, graduated with an exemption from district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements.

~~(cf. 0500 – Accountability)~~

~~(cf. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)~~

~~(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)~~

~~(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))~~

~~(cf. 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests)~~

~~(cf. 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination)~~

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.

State	Description
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 39807.5	Payment of transportation costs by parents/guardians; waiver for foster youth Payment of transportation costs by parents/guardians; waiver for foster youth
Ed. Code 42238.01-42238.07	Local control funding formula Local control funding formula
Ed. Code 42920-42926	Foster children educational services Foster children educational services
Ed. Code 48645-48647	Juvenile court schools Juvenile court schools
Ed. Code 48850-48859	Education of foster youth and homeless students Education of foster youth and homeless students

Ed. Code 48915.5	Recommended expulsion; foster youth with disabilities Recommended expulsion; foster youth with disabilities
Ed. Code 48918.1	Notice of recommended expulsion Notice of recommended expulsion
Ed. Code 49061	Definitions; directory information Definitions; directory information
Ed. Code 49069.5	Students in foster care; grades and credits Students in foster care; grades and credits
Ed. Code 49076	Access to student records Access to student records
Ed. Code 51225.1	Exemption from district graduation requirements Exemption from district graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51225.2	Course credits Course credits
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 52060-52077	Local control and accountability plan Local control and accountability plan
Ed. Code 56055	Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster youth's education Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster youth's education
H&S Code 120341	Foster youth; school placement and immunization records Foster youth; school placement and immunization records
H&S Code 1522.41	Training and certification of group home administrators Training and certification of group home administrators
W&I Code 16000-16014	Foster care placement Foster care placement
W&I Code 300	Minors subject to jurisdiction Minors subject to jurisdiction
W&I Code 309	Investigation and release of child Investigation and release of child
W&I Code 317	Appointment of legal counsel Appointment of legal counsel
W&I Code 361	Limitations on parental control Limitations on parental control
W&I Code 366.27	Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements
W&I Code 602	Minors violating law; ward of court Minors violating law; ward of court
W&I Code 726	Limitations on parental control Limitations on parental control
W&I Code 727	Order of care; ward of court Order of care; ward of court

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 Publication	Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations, September 2013 Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations, September 2013
California Foster Youth Education Task Force Pub	California Foster Youth Education Law Fact Sheets, January 2021
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	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	Alliance for Children's Rights
Website	Foster Ed
Website	National Center for Youth Law
Website	California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services
Website	California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office
Website	California Foster Youth Education Task Force
Website	California Youth Connection
Website	Cities Counties and Schools Partnership
Website	CSBA
Website	California Child Welfare Council

Cross References

Code	Description
0200	Goals For The School District Goals For The School District
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities

04500415	<u>Comprehensive Safety Plan</u> Equity
0450	<u>Comprehensive Safety Plan</u> Comprehensive Safety Plan
04600450	<u>Local Control And Accountability Plan</u> Comprehensive Safety Plan
0460	<u>Local Control And Accountability Plan</u> Local Control And Accountability Plan
05000460	<u>Accountability</u> Local Control And Accountability Plan
0470 1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u> COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
0500 1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u> Accountability
<u>1312.31400</u>	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u> Uniform Complaint Procedures
<u>1312.33100</u>	<u>Budget</u> Uniform Complaint Procedures
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1312.33250	<u>Transportation Fees</u> Uniform Complaint Procedures
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<u>32503515.4</u>	<u>Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage</u> Transportation Fees
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<u>32603540</u>	<u>Transportation</u> Fees And Charges
<u>32603541</u>	<u>Transportation Routes And Services</u> Fees And Charges
<u>3515.43553</u>	<u>Free And Reduced Price Meals</u> Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage
<u>3515.43553</u>	<u>Free And Reduced Price Meals</u> Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage
<u>35404131</u>	<u>Staff Development</u> Transportation
<u>35414131</u>	<u>Staff Development</u> Transportation Routes And Services
<u>35534231</u>	<u>Staff Development</u> Free And Reduced Price Meals
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