

Pacifica SD

Administrative Regulation

Education For Homeless Children

AR 6173
Instruction

Definitions

Homeless means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes: (42 USC 11434a)

1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings

3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in conditions described in (1)-(3) above

School of origin means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled. (42 USC 11432)

Best interest means, to the extent feasible, continuing a student's enrollment in the school of origin for the duration of his/her homelessness, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of his/her parent/guardian. (42 USC 11432)

Unaccompanied youth means a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. (42 USC 11434(a))

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following staff person as the district liaison for homeless students: (42 USC 11432)

Assistant Superintendent
375 Reina Del Mar Avenue
Pacifica, CA 94044
650-738-6600

The district's liaison for homeless students shall ensure that: (42 USC 11432)

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordinated activities with other entities and agencies

(cf. 1400 - Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals)
(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

2. Homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools

3. Homeless families and students receive educational services for which they are eligible

4. Parents/guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children

5. Notice of the educational rights of homeless children is disseminated at places where children receive services, such as schools, shelters, and soup kitchens

6. Homeless children are enrolled using the district's Open Enrollment Policy.

Enrollment

Once a placement decision has been made, the student shall immediately be enrolled in school, even if the parent/guardian is unable to provide the school with the records normally required for enrollment. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

The principal or designee shall immediately contact the school last attended by the student to obtain the relevant records. If the student needs to obtain immunizations or does not possess immunization or other medical records, the principal or designee shall refer the parent/guardian to the district's liaison for homeless students. The liaison shall assist the parent/guardian in obtaining the necessary immunizations or records for the student. (42 USC 11432)

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