

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other children within the District. The District shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students. Students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interests as defined in law and administrative regulation.

The District shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from a school of origin when the student has resided within the District and the parent/guardian requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of District boundaries but continues to attend this District's school of origin, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the Superintendent of the District in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

Reference: Education Code 1980-1986 County Community Schools; 2558.2; 39807.5

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