

**EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's obligation to ensure that foster youth have the opportunity to achieve state and district academic standards. The district shall provide such students with access to the academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

*(cf. 6011- Academic Standards)*

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

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

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 a 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 regarding the enrollment, placement, and rights of foster youth.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the educational outcomes of foster youth enrolled in the district including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, and graduation rates.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)*

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

42920-42925 *Foster children educational services*

48645.1 *Juvenile court schools*

48645.5 *Acceptance of coursework*

48850-48859 *Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions*

49061 *Student records*

49069.5 *Foster care students transfer of records*

49076 *Access to student records*

56055 *Rights of foster parents in special education*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 *Children subject to jurisdiction*

309 *Investigation and release of child*

361 *Limitations on parental or guardian control*

366.27 *Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements*

602 *Minors violating law; ward of court*

726 *Limitations on parental or guardian control*

727 *Order of care, ward of court*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Educating Foster Youth: Best Practices and Board Considerations, Policy Brief, March 2008*

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

*Mythbusting: Breaking Down Confidentiality and Decision-Making Barriers to Meet the Education Needs of Children in Foster Care, 2005*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy>

California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office:

<http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov>

California Youth Connection: <http://www.cal youthconn.org/site/cyc>

Cities, Counties, Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccs partnership.org/default.cfm>