

Instruction

**EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to ensure that foster youth have access to the academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to District students. The District shall provide students in foster care within the District with access to educational opportunities and other services necessary to help such students achieve the District's performance standards.

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the county placing agency and other appropriate agencies to ensure maximum utilization of available funds and to meet the educational needs of foster youth within the District.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

42920-42925 Foster children educational services

48645.1 Juvenile court schools

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 42

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services Program:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/ssp/fysprfa/fysrfa.htm>

California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office:

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