

## 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 academic standards, the~~ harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement.

The Superintendent 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 –~~ The Superintendent 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~~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 –~~ 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.

~~Athletic Competition)~~

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

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

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

The Superintendent 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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**

5 CCR 4600-4670

**Description**

~~Uniform complaint procedures~~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	<del>Local control and accountability plan</del> <a href="#">Local control and accountability plan</a>
Ed. Code 56055	<del>Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster youth's education</del> <a href="#">Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster youth's education</a>
H&S Code 120341	<del>Foster youth; school placement and immunization records</del> <a href="#">Foster youth; school placement and immunization records</a>
H&S Code 1522.41	<del>Training and certification of group home administrators</del> <a href="#">Training and certification of group home administrators</a>
W&I Code 16000-16014	<del>Foster care placement</del> <a href="#">Foster care placement</a>
W&I Code 300	<del>Minors subject to jurisdiction</del> <a href="#">Minors subject to jurisdiction</a>
W&I Code 309	<del>Investigation and release of child</del> <a href="#">Investigation and release of child</a>
W&I Code 317	<del>Appointment of legal counsel</del> <a href="#">Appointment of legal counsel</a>
W&I Code 361	<del>Limitations on parental control</del> <a href="#">Limitations on parental control</a>
W&I Code 366.27	<del>Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements</del> <a href="#">Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements</a>
W&I Code 602	<del>Minors violating law; ward of court</del> <a href="#">Minors violating law; ward of court</a>
W&I Code 726	<del>Limitations on parental control</del> <a href="#">Limitations on parental control</a>
W&I Code 727	<del>Order of care; ward of court</del> <a href="#">Order of care; ward of court</a>
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20 USC 1415	<del>Procedural safeguards</del> <a href="#">Procedural safeguards</a>
20 USC 6311	<del>State plan</del> <a href="#">State plan</a>
29 USC 794	<del>Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504</del> <a href="#">Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504</a>
42 USC 11431-11435	<del>McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act</del> <a href="#">McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act</a>
42 USC 670-679b	<del>Federal assistance for foster care programs</del> <a href="#">Federal assistance for foster care programs</a>
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
Alliance for Children's Rights Publication	<del>Foster Youth Education Toolkit, December 2016</del> <a href="#">Foster Youth Education Toolkit, December 2016</a>
California Child Welfare Council Publication	<del>Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations, September 2013</del> <a href="#">Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations, September 2013</a>

California Foster Youth Education Task Force Pub	California Foster Youth Education Law Fact Sheets, January 2021 <a href="#">California Foster Youth Education Law Fact Sheets, January 2021</a>
Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Pub.	Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide <a href="#">Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide</a>
CSBA Publication	Our Foster Youth: What School Boards Can Do, May 2016 <a href="#">Our Foster Youth: What School Boards Can Do, May 2016</a>
CSBA Publication	Foster Youth: Supports for Success, Governance Brief, May 2016 <a href="#">Foster Youth: Supports for Success, Governance Brief, May 2016</a>
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Non-Regulatory Guidance, June 2016 <a href="#">Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Non-Regulatory Guidance, June 2016</a>
Website	<del>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</del> <a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<del>Alliance for Children's Rights</del> <a href="#">Alliance for Children's Rights</a>
Website	<del>Foster Ed</del> <a href="#">Foster Ed</a>
Website	<del>National Center for Youth Law</del> <a href="#">National Center for Youth Law</a>
Website	<del>California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services</del> <a href="#">California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services</a>
Website	<del>California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office</del> <a href="#">California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office</a>
Website	<del>California Foster Youth Education Task Force</del> <a href="#">California Foster Youth Education Task Force</a>
Website	<del>California Youth Connection</del> <a href="#">California Youth Connection</a>
Website	<del>Cities Counties and Schools Partnership</del> <a href="#">Cities Counties and Schools Partnership</a>
Website	<del>CSBA</del> <a href="#">CSBA</a>
Website	<del>California Child Welfare Council</del> <a href="#">California Child Welfare Council</a>

### Cross References

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