

# Santa Barbara School Districts

## Board Policy

BP 6173

### Instruction

#### EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

The Board of Education desires to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students 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 academic standards as other students.

Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way.

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

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

*(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)*

#### Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from his/her school of origin when the student is residing 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 his/her school of origin within this district, 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)

*(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)*

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

1980-1986 County community schools

2558.2 Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children

39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

#### Management Resources:

##### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, July 2004

##### WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy>

National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE: <http://www.serve.org/nche>

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: <http://www.nlchp.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

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