

~~MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS~~

~~Administrative Regulation~~

~~AR 6170~~

~~INSTRUCTION~~

~~Education for Homeless Children~~

~~Homeless means students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes:~~

- ~~1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.~~
- ~~2. Children and youths who have primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.~~
- ~~3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings.~~
- ~~4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in conditions described in 1-3 above.~~

~~School of origin means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled.~~

~~Best interest means, to the extent feasible, continuing a student's enrollment in the school of origin for the duration of his/her homelessness, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of his/her parent/guardian.~~

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The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that:

1. ~~Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordination with other entities/agencies.~~
2. ~~Homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools.~~
3. ~~Homeless families and students receive educational services for which they are eligible.~~
4. ~~Parents/guardians are informed of the education and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.~~
5. ~~Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulation.~~
6. ~~Parents/guardians are fully informed of all transportation services.~~

Enrollment

~~Placement decisions for homeless students shall be based on the student's best interest. In determining a student's best interest, a homeless student shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in his/her school of origin, unless his/her parent/guardian requests otherwise.~~

~~The student may continue attending the school of origin for the duration of the homelessness and until the end of any academic year in which the student moves into permanent housing.~~

~~Once a placement decision has been made, the principal/designee shall immediately enroll the student in the school of choice, even if the parent/guardian is unable to provide the school with the records normally required for enrollment.~~

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