

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 6173.1

ADOPTED: 03/19/07

CLASSIFICATION: Instruction

REVISED:

SUBJECT: 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 VCOE students. VCOE shall provide students in foster care 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 42920-42925 Foster children educational services
- 48645.1 Juvenile court schools
- 48645.5 Coursework completed in public school, juvenile court school or nonpublic non sectarian school
- 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>