

INSTRUCTION

Education for Homeless Children

The El Dorado County Board of Education (Board) and Superintendent desire to ensure that students experiencing homelessness have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE). EDCOE shall provide students experiencing homelessness with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

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

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

Regulations include the process for handling the disputes to address eligibility (added in due to ESSA as of October 1, 2016), school of origin or school of residence enrollment and placement concerns between EDCOE and parents/guardians of students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth.

When there are at least 15 students experiencing homelessness in schools operated by EDCOE, EDCOE's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of students experiencing homelessness.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on outcomes for its students experiencing homelessness, which may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, EDCOE shall modify any and all strategies as needed to better support the educational needs of students experiencing homelessness.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

2558.2 ADA of Homeless Children
39807.5 Transportation Costs
51870 Technology
20 USC Title 42 §11431-11435