



**Chico Unified School District**

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**EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

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 and district academic standards, the Superintendent or designee shall provide them 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 in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)  
(cf. 3100 - 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 - 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 administrative regulation. To that end, he/she shall designate a staff person as a district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth. That staff person shall be:

Director of State and Federal Programs  
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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 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

(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)

**Legal Reference:**

EDUCATION CODE  
32228-32228.5 Student safety and violence prevention  
42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula  
42920-42925 Foster children educational services  
48645-48646 Juvenile court schools  
48850-48859 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions  
48915.5 Suspension and expulsion; students with disabilities, including foster youth  
48918.1 Notice of expulsion hearing for foster youth



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49061 Student records  
49069.5 Foster care students, transfer of records  
49076 Access to student records  
51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements  
51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course  
51225.3 High school graduation  
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan  
56055 Rights of foster parents in special education  
60851 High school exit examination  
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE  
1522.41 Training and certification of group home administrators  
1529.2 Training of licensed foster parents  
120341 Foster youth: school placement: immunization records  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
300 Children subject to jurisdiction  
309 Investigation and release of child  
317 Appointment of legal counsel  
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  
16000-16014 Foster care placement  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1415 Procedural safeguards; placement in alternative educational setting  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29  
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
670-679b Federal assistance for foster care programs  
11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

**Management Resources:**

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

*Educating Foster Youth: Best Practices and Board Considerations, Policy Brief, March 2008*

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS**

*Mythbusting: Breaking Down Confidentiality and Decision-Making Barriers to Meet the Education Needs of Children in Foster Care, 2005*

**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL**

*Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations*

**CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS**

*Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide*

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Bar Association: <http://www.americanbar.org>

California Child Welfare Council: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CACChildWelfareCouncil.aspx>

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lsp/fy>

California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office: <http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov>

California Youth Connection: <http://www.cal-youthconn.org/site/cyc>

Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>