

Administrative Regulation

Homeless Students, Enrollment of

Specific guidelines are designed to facilitate the enrollment of homeless students in the Garden Grove Unified School District. School personnel are notified annually regarding the procedures and are encouraged to work closely with homeless students to encourage their success.

A district staff member is designated as a liaison for homeless students. The liaison is responsible to coordinate with other agencies/school personnel, inform parents of their rights, mediate enrollment disputes, and coordinate transportation needs.

The specific guidelines used to enroll students at a district school are as follows:

- A. The homeless student must be enrolled immediately at the school and be allowed to attend class, even if he/she does not have the required documents for enrollment.
- B. Homeless students are to be provided with comparable services immediately upon enrollment.
- C. The school personnel must assist the child in obtaining the required documents.
- D. Students may remain at their "school of origin" (school the child attended when permanently housed) the entire time they are homeless, and/or until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing, unless it is against the parent's wishes.
- E. Should a dispute arise, the student is allowed to remain in the school of choice while the dispute is being resolved. Disputes are directed to the district liaison.
- F. Transportation assistance is provided to homeless students upon request.

Ref: EC Sections 1980-1986, 2558.2, 39807.5
42 USC 11431-11435

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