

Students

ADMISSION

The Governing Board believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive educational services. Staff shall encourage parents/guardians to enroll all school-aged children in school.

Because chronological age is the best single indicator of maturity, children will routinely be admitted to kindergarten or first grade who have attained minimum ages specified in the law.

Students who apply for initial admission to the District's schools by transfer from private schools or from schools outside the District will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel and the school principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will determine the final grade placement of each newly enrolled student. The principal will follow the guidelines as stated in the Education Code for kindergarten and first grade students.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures that provide for verification of all entrance requirements specified in law and in Board policies and regulations.

Residency

Children attending public school must attend school in the school district wherein their parent/legal guardian resides, unless explicitly authorized to attend school in another district (Education Code Sections 48200, 48204). Accordingly, it is the District's policy to require valid proof of residency for all students and to be vigilant in discovering and terminating enrollment that does not comply with the residency requirements.

1. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to require the parents/legal guardians of students to provide to the District verifiable documentary evidence of residency, to execute affidavits attesting to residency and to otherwise prove residency to the satisfaction of the District. Proof of residency shall, at a minimum, be required upon a student's initial enrollment in the District, whenever there is a change in residency and at any time a student's residency within the District is in doubt. (Refer to items A-E in Administrative Regulations)
2. Any parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the District shall immediately notify the District of any change in circumstances which would affect their residency determination under this policy. Failure to do so shall result in the student being removed from District enrollment and disqualification from future enrollment under the Board's Inter-District Transfer Policy.

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3. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to investigate any cases where there may be reason to believe that a student and/or parent/legal guardian does not reside within the District, has provided false information to the District with respect to residency or where there may be reason to believe that the information provided is no longer current or accurate.
4. If the Superintendent or designee determines that a student currently enrolled in the District is not a resident of the District, the student shall be removed from District enrollment, effective the Friday of the week following the determination of non-residency.

Residency for Homeless Children

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other children within the District. The District shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students. Students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

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

Legal References: Education Code
35161 Delegation by Governing Board
45103 Classified Employees
48200, et seq. Residency requirements
1980-1986 County community schools
2558.2 Use of revenue limits to determine ADA of homeless children
39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents
46600 Agreements for admission of pupils desiring interdistrict attendance
48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)
United States Code, Title 42
11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
Health and Safety Code
3380-3390 Immunization against communicable diseases
3400 et seq. Tuberculosis tests for pupils

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Legal References: (continued)

Administrative Code, Title 5

200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade

Management Resources:

CDE Publications

Enrolling Students in Homeless Situations, 1999

Federal Register

U.S. Department of Education: Notice of school enrollment guidelines, 67

Fed. Reg. 10698

Web Sites

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/cilbranch/homeless/homelesstoc.html>

U.S. Department of Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CEP/hmlsprogresp.html>

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty:

<http://www.nlchp.org>