LEARNING WORKS CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN/ STUDENTS IN TRANSITION POLICY

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligations and desires 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.

(cf. <u>3553</u> - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

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.

(cf. <u>5111.13</u> - Residency for Homeless Children)

Transportation

The District shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from a District school of origin when the student is residing within the District and the parent/guardian requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of District boundaries but continues to attend this District's school of origin, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the Superintendent of the District in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. <u>3250</u> - Transportation Fees) (cf. <u>3541</u> - Transportation Routes and Services)

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE <u>1980-1986</u> County community schools <u>2558.2</u> Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children <u>39807.5</u> Payment of transportation costs by parents UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education: <u>http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy</u>

National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE: <u>http://www.serve.org/nche</u> National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: <u>http://www.nlchp.org</u> U.S. Department of Education: <u>http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html</u>