

Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise Education For Homeless Children And Foster Youth Board Policy

Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise recognizes that homelessness is a serious problem and is concerned, in particular, about the education of homeless children and youth in Los Angeles County. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC [11431-11435](#)) ensures homeless students equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other students. As federal law, the McKinney-Vento Act supersedes state and local educational law and policy.

The Board recognizes that homeless children and youth at Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise are provided access to education and related services and support necessary for these students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise maintains policies that support the implementation and coordination education and related services to homeless children and youth. The Principal 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. Homeless students shall not be segregated based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way.

When there are at least 15 homeless students in schools operated by Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students. (Education Code [52052](#), [52060](#)).

Enrollment

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school—

The child or youth shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute;

The parent or guardian of the child or youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision;

The child, youth, parent, or guardian shall be referred to the local educational agency liaison designated under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as described in paragraph (1)(C) as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute; and

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the homeless liaison shall ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending resolution of the dispute.

Transportation

Transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin, as required by law.

At least annually, the Principal or designee shall report to the Governing Board on outcomes for its homeless students, 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, the school shall modify any and all strategies as needed to better support the educational needs of homeless students.

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