

**CLOVIS UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT****INSTRUCTION**

Alternative/Specialized Programs

**EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

**PURPOSE:** To set forth goals and actions for the education of foster youth.

The 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).

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and the administrative regulation. To that end, the Superintendent designates the Director of Student Services and School Attendance as the District liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

As the Superintendent's designee, the Director of Student Services and School Attendance shall ensure that all appropriate staff, including, but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training on the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth and other related rights.

The Board desires to provide foster youth with a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with his/her school, including, but not limited to, strategies that promote positive discipline and conflict resolution, the development of resiliency and interpersonal skills, and the involvement of foster parents, group home administrators, and/or other caretakers in school programs and activities.

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies and officials including, but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, and juvenile court officers. The Superintendent or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth.

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**EDUCATION CODE**

32228-32228.5 Student safety and violence prevention

42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula

42920-42925 Foster children educational services

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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  
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

**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

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**

1415 Procedural safeguards; placement in alternative educational setting  
6311 State plan

**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