



# Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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## Instruction

### Education for Foster Youth

The Governing Board recognizes that foster youth may be a greater risk for poor academic performance due to their family circumstances, disruption of their educational program, and emotion, social, and other health needs. The district shall provide such students with full access to the district's educational program and other support services necessary to assist them in achieving state and district academic standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' interests as defined in law and administrative regulation. The Superintendent shall designate a staff person as a district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

The Superintendent or designee and the district liaison shall ensure that all staff, including but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training regarding the enrollment, placement, and rights of foster youth.

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available resources, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies, including but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, county mental health, probation officers, juvenile court officers, nonprofit organizations and advocates.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the educational outcomes of foster youth enrolled in the district, including but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement results, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates.

Education for Foster Youth (continued)

Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE

- 42920-42925 Foster children educational services
- 48645-48646 Juvenile court schools
- 48850-48859 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions
- 49061 Student Records
- 49069.5 Foster care students, transfer of records
- 49076 Access to student records
- 51225.3 High school graduation
- 56055 Rights of foster parents in special education
- 60851 High school exit examination

WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE

- 300 Children subject to jurisdiction
- 309 Investigation and release of child
- 361 Limitations on parental or guardian control
- 366.27 Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements
- 16000-16014 Foster care placement

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