

Administrative Regulation 5111.11(a)

Students

RESIDENCY OF STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

Students shall qualify as district residents if placed within the district in a regularly established licensed children’s institution, a licensed foster home, or a family home pursuant to a commitment or placement under Welfare and Institutions Code 200-987. The agency placing a student in such a home or institution shall provide evidence to the school that the placement or commitment is pursuant to law. (Education Code 48204)

Students shall qualify as district residents if they reside in the home of a care-giving adult within district boundaries. (Education Code 48204)

Upon enrollment, the care-giving adult shall execute, under penalty of perjury, the affidavit specified in Family Code 6552.

When their whereabouts is known, parents/guardians of students living with a caregiver or in foster care shall receive all parental notifications required by law. They shall be contacted for all major educational decisions concerning enrollment, discipline and final grades. Caregivers and foster parents shall receive a copy of all school notices.

In some cases, a student’s caregiver is not his/her legal guardian, and it is in the student’s educational interest for school staff to communicate directly with the person who has daily responsibility for the student. This is especially true when it comes the need to sign attendance notes, field trip permission slips and other duties related to the day-today monitoring of student school activities, conduct, homework, and grades. Therefore the parent/guardian may wish to provide written authorization for the student’s caregiver to act as the parent/guardian in this regard.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35351 Assignment of students to particular schools
- 42920-42925.1 Educational services
- 48200-48204 Persons included (compulsory education law)
- 56028 Parent
- 56050 Surrogate parent

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 7579.5 Surrogate parent

FAMILY CODE

- 6550-6552 Caregivers

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

- 87001 Definitions

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

- 3000.517 Surrogate Parent

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