

Education for Homeless Children and Youths

Imperial County Office of Education

Student Well-Being Department

California Homeless Education Policy Updates

AB 27 – Passed and signed by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2021

Homeless Liaisons must ensure that any personnel who provide services to homeless children and youths receive an annual training. This includes teachers, enrollment or office staff, counselors, and other staff serving homeless students. **The California Department of Education will implement a system to verify annual trainings.**



Districts are required to post on their webpage:

- (1) the name and contact information of the District Liaison,
- (2) McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness,
- (3) resources available to homeless students and families, and
- (4) the education rights of homeless students and parents.

Requires schools to post specific information in school offices on homelessness, including information regarding the educational rights and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness.

Requires **schools that received ARP-HCY II funds** to identify homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth enrolled at the school by annually administering a housing questionnaire to all parents or guardians of pupils and to all unaccompanied youths of the local educational agency.

SB 400 – Passed and signed by Governor Newsom on September 29, 2021

LEAs must ensure that homeless families receive referrals to health care and dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services.

AB 2375 – Passed Assembly, now in Senate

Will require **all schools** (not just schools that received ARP-HCY II funds) to identify homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth enrolled at the school by annually administering a housing questionnaire to all parents or guardians of pupils and to all unaccompanied youths of the local educational agency for purposes of identifying homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths of the local educational agency.

AB 408 – Passed Assembly, in Senate Ed Committee process

Will require LEAs to establish homeless education program policies, Homeless Liaisons to offer yearly training to school staff, and **will require the California Department of Education to develop a risk-based monitoring plan for homeless education requirements.**
