



Student Policies BP 14 -18

Board Policy: Homeless, Foster Youth, and Former Juvenile Court School Pupil Graduation Requirements

Gateway Community Charters (GCC) has a duty to care for, support, and protect homeless students, children the state places into foster care, and former juvenile court school pupils. Homeless youth, foster children, and former juvenile court school pupils are all too often bounced from placement to placement and from school to school without regard to the impact on their education. These constant transitions often result in education-related problems, including a loss of school credits, academic problems, and a delay in earning a high school diploma. GCC recognizes that homeless youth, foster children, and former juvenile court school pupils in high school may have taken courses required for graduation in their current school district and then be forced to relocate. If this occurs in the third or fourth year of high school the student may be faced with additional graduation requirements at his or her new school with little time to complete those courses in order to graduate with the rest of his or her class. It is therefore the intent of this policy to provide the option for homeless youth, foster children, and former juvenile court school pupils who transition to a school within the GCC in their third or fourth year of high school to be required to meet only minimal state standards for graduation. Schools within GCC will notify homeless students, former juvenile court school pupils, and a pupil in foster care who is granted an exemption, and, as appropriate, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, if any of the requirements that are waived will affect the pupil's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution, and to provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges. NOTE: This policy mirrors the language and requirements of AB167, AB 1806 and AB2306.

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