

Sacramento City Unified School District

AB 1806 Summary

Includes some AB 379 mandates

Assembly Bill 1806 became law January 1, 2015. The law, covering homeless & foster youth, amends the education code to provide homeless youth with some of the protections that were originally provided to foster youth (under AB 167). The law covers expulsion recommendations, partial credit, and exemption from SCUSD graduation requirements.

PUPIL EXPULSION

If a pupil has an IEP and a decision to recommend expulsion is at the discretion of the Principal or Superintendent, the SCUSD Homeless Coordinator shall be invited to the IEP meeting that makes the manifestation determination.
If an expulsion recommendation is a discretionary act, the SCUSD Homeless Coordinator shall be notified at least 10 days before the expulsion hearing.
If an expulsion recommendation is required, the SCUSD Homeless Coordinator may be notified at least 10 days before the expulsion hearing.

EXEMPTION FROM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A homeless pupil who transfers schools any time after the completion of their 2 nd year of high school shall be exempt from SCUSD's coursework & requirements that are <i>in addition to</i> statewide coursework requirements, unless the pupil is reasonably able to complete SCUSD's requirements by the end of their 4 th year of high school.
If a pupil is reasonably able to complete SCUSD's graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the school district shall do all the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify the pupil & educational rights holder of pupil's option to remain in school for a fifth year• Inform pupil & educational rights holder how completing a fifth year will affect postsecondary school admission• Provide pupil with information about transfer opportunities available through California Community Colleges
To determine whether a pupil is in the third or fourth year of high school, SCUSD can use <u>either</u> the number of credits earned up to the date of the transfer or the length of the pupil's school enrollment, <i>whichever will qualify for the Exemption</i> .
Within 30 days of the date that a pupil may qualify for the exemption transfers into a school, SCUSD shall notify the pupil, educational rights holder, and the Homeless Coordinator of the availability of the exemption and whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption. <i>If SCUSD fails to provide timely notice to a student who qualifies for an exemption, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if no longer homeless.</i>
If a pupil with an exemption completes state requirements before the end of the pupil's 4 th year in high school, and the pupil would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, SCUSD shall not <i>require or request</i> that the pupil graduate before the end of the pupil's 4 th year of high school.
If a pupil obtains an exemption, SCUSD shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify the pupil and educational rights holder of how the exemption will affect postsecondary school admission• Provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
A pupil who qualifies for the exemption shall not be required to accept the exemption or be denied the opportunity to enroll in and complete all courses for which the pupil is eligible, regardless of whether the courses fall under statewide graduation requirements.
A pupil who qualifies for the exemption may request it at any time, and SCUSD shall grant the exemption even if the pupil previously declined it.
Once granted, the exemption cannot be revoked. <i>While the pupil is enrolled in school, the exemption shall continue to apply even after a pupil is no longer homeless or if the pupil transfers to another school or school district.</i>
SCUSD shall not require or request that a pupil transfer schools in order to qualify for the exemption.
A pupil, the educational rights holder, or the Homeless Coordinator shall not request a high school transfer solely to qualify a pupil for an exemption.

PARTIAL CREDIT FOR COURSEWORK

SCUSD shall issue full or partial credit for coursework satisfactorily completed by the pupil while attending another school (public, nonpublic, juvenile, agency, etc), even if the pupil did not complete the entire course.
Credits shall be applied to the same or equivalent course, if applicable, as the coursework completed in the prior school. If partial credit is awarded, the pupil shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, in order to complete the course.
A pupil shall not be required to retake a course if it was satisfactorily completed in another school. If the pupil did not complete the course, the pupil shall not be required to retake the portion that was completed unless SCUSD, in consultation with the educational rights holder, determines that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate.
Pupils cannot be <i>prevented</i> from retaking or taking a course in order to meet CSU or UC eligibility requirements.