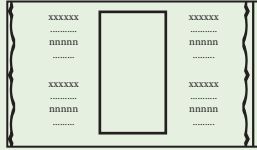


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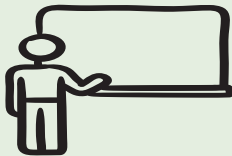
## Outreach to Students and Families



**1** Place posters and brochures in multiple languages outlining services at all campuses, district offices, bus stops, laundromats, and all community partners and agencies where families access services.



**2** Build relationships with community agencies and service providers to improve referrals for services and increase program visibility.



**3** Educate school district and community agency personnel about who qualifies as a homeless student.

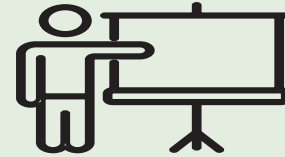


**4** Share easily understandable information regarding enrollment, academic, and support services for homeless students on district and campus websites.

## Identification and Enrollment of Students



**1** Utilize a Student Residency Questionnaire in multiple languages for identification of homeless students.



**2** Train campus and district staff on enrollment procedures, including flowcharts, to insure consistency.



**3** Enroll students immediately who lack records normally required at enrollment and make temporary placements based on the information at hand; request records quickly, when needed.



**4** Establish referral procedures with local agencies and community service providers; create forms that can be used by partners to assist and streamline school enrollment.

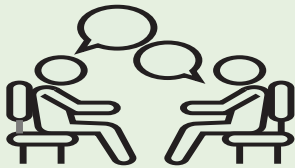
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## Student Attendance



**1** Arrange transportation services quickly, including school of origin transportation with another district; provide transportation within walk zones when needed for student safety.



**2** Provide case management that continuously monitors daily attendance and addresses student needs to reduce barriers.



**3** Promote welcoming and nurturing school environments; conduct thorough needs assessments to ensure all students receive all the services for which they are eligible.

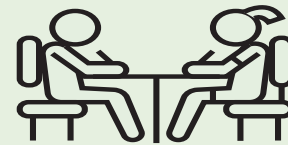


**4** Implement truancy prevention plans that are appropriate for each student in collaboration with student services and accountability departments in the district.

## Student Academic Success



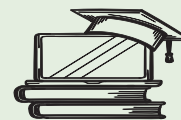
**1** Use non-traditional school settings, including self-paced or accelerated online classes, summer school, early release schedules, and alternative campuses to accommodate student work schedules and other obligations.



**2** Improve credit accrual for students by scheduling before- or after-school tutoring sessions for students that count toward classroom seat-time.



**3** Review each student's record to determine if he/she qualifies for an Individual Graduation Committee Review or an endorsement.



**4** Prepare students for post-secondary opportunities by assisting with entrance exam fee waivers, Independent Student Status determination on the FAFSA, scholarship applications, and referrals to support services in the communities where they will be living.