

EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other children within the District. The District shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students. Each homeless student shall be provided services comparable to the services offered to other students in the District including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programming for which the student otherwise meets eligibility (e.g., Title I, special education), career and technical education programs, and school nutrition programs. Students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the public notice of the educational rights of homeless children is disseminated in District schools as required by law. The Superintendent or designee shall identify and remove any barriers to the identification and enrollment of homeless students and to the retention of homeless students due to the absences or outstanding fees or fines.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as the liaison for homeless children and youths. The District liaison shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting homeless students to succeed in school. District liaisons and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in fulfilling their duties and roles.

Information about a homeless student's living situation shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities, as necessary, to ensure that homeless children and youth are promptly identified, ensure that homeless students have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social service agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youth, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the District and with other involved local educational agencies, services for homeless students and services for students with disabilities.

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Legal Reference:

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

EDUCATION CODE

39807.5 *Payment of transportation costs by parents*

48850 Educational rights of homeless and foster youth

48852.5 Notice of educational rights of homeless students

48852.7 Enrollment of homeless students

48915.5 Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities

48918.1 Notice of recommended expulsion

51225.1-51225.3 Graduation requirements

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1087vv Free Application for Federal Student Aid; definitions

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

6311 Title I state plan; state and local educational agency report cards

12705 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; state and local strategies

Policy

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