

**Policy Statement # 3730 of the Board of Education
Regarding the Education of Homeless Children and Youth**

I. Purpose

- A. To ensure the identification, school registration, enrollment, coordination of services, transfer, and withdrawal of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS)

II. Definitions

- A. Enrollment - attending classes and participating fully in school activities
- B. Homeless - McKinney-Vento provides that a student is homeless if:
1. S/he lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
 2. S/he is a child or youth who is:
 - a. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
 - b. Living in motels, hotels, inadequate trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations;
 - c. Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or
 - d. Abandoned in hospitals.
 3. S/he has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, meeting the meaning of McKinney-Vento 103(a)(2)(c).
 4. S/he is living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or,
 5. S/he is a migratory child (a child who is, or whose parent is, a migratory agricultural worker including a migratory dairy worker or migratory fisher, and who in the preceding thirty-six (36) months, in order to obtain, or accompany such parent in obtaining temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work, has moved from one school district to another) who qualifies as homeless because s/he is living in circumstances described in 1-4 above.
- C. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act of 2001 (42 USC 11431 et seq.) – The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act of 2001 (as used herein “McKinney-Vento” or “the Act”) is a federal statute concerning the education of homeless children and youth. The Act is designed to provide a stable educational environment by minimizing the effect of mobility on academic achievement. It guarantees equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.

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III. Policy Statement

- A. In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act of 2001, the Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to provide students experiencing homelessness with a free, appropriate public education. Accordingly, Calvert County Public Schools will provide a stable educational environment by minimizing the effects of homelessness on their academic achievement and their social-emotional development.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote to the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date:

- A. This policy is effective July 15, 2021.

Citations

State Law:

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.05.09.01-.06

Federal Law: McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act of 2001 (42 USC 11431 et seq.)

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Neg. Agr.:

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