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Homeless Students

Homeless students in the district will have access to the education and other services needed to ensure that an opportunity is available to meet the same academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Homeless students are defined as children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including those who are:

1. Sharing the housing of other persons because of loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason;
2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds because of the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
3. Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
4. Awaiting foster care placement;
5. Living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
6. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings; or
7. Living in a migratory situation that qualifies as homeless because a child lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

An advocate for students in homeless situations will be designated by the district to carry out duties as required by law. Each school will have a homeless liaison.

The district will ensure that homeless students are not stigmatized nor segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. A homeless student will be admitted to the district school in the attendance area in which the student is actually living or to the student's school of origin as requested by the parent and in accordance with the student's best interest. Transportation will be provided to and from the student's school of origin at the request of the parent, or in the case of an unaccompanied student, the district's liaison for homeless students.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11431-11435.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Section 1115.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).