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McKinney-Vento: Homeless Liaison Duties

In accordance to the McKinney-Vento Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Santa Fe South Schools, Inc sets aside a portion of its Federal Program funding to support the needs for our Homeless students; in addition, has a Homeless Liaison on staff. The District Homeless Liaison complies to ESSA standards by accomplishing the following duties:

- Homeless children and youth are identified and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- homeless children and youth are enrolled, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- homeless families, children and youth received educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, early intervention, and other preschool programs administered by the LEA;
- homeless families, children and youth receive referrals to health, dental, mental health, housing, substance abuse, other appropriate services;
- parents or guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate;
- public notice of homeless students' rights is disseminated in locations frequented by parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth, including schools, shelters, libraries and soup kitchens, in an understandable manner and form;
- enrollment disputes are mediated;
- parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth are informed of and assisted in accessing transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin;
- school personnel providing McKinney-Vento/Homeless Education services receive professional development and other support; and
- unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school have opportunities to meet the same challenging academic standards other children and youth, including through receiving partial credits, are informed of their status as independent students for the FAFSA and receive verification of that status.