

1 Great Falls Public School District

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5 Education of Homeless Children

6 Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the  
7 same free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The  
8 District must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence  
9 and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for  
10 enrollment. The District may not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a  
11 homeless child.

12 Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to  
13 remain at the school of origin, or be eligible to attend another school in the district.

14 The Superintendent will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to  
15 enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the  
16 Superintendent will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates,  
17 school records, and other documentation.

18 Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students,  
19 including but not limited to:

- 20 1. Transportation services;
- 21 2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
- 22 3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
- 23 4. Programs in vocational and technical education;
- 24 5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
- 25 6. School nutrition program.

26 The Superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of  
27 homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The Superintendent will appoint a  
28 liaison for homeless children.

29 A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
30 Act.

31 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will  
32 first present it orally and informally to the District Liaison for Homeless Children. Thereafter, a  
33 written complaint must be filed in accordance with the District Uniform Complaint Procedure. In  
34 either case, the District’s Homeless Coordinator will log disputes on the McKinney-Vento  
35 Homeless Education Assistance Dispute Resolution Form (3125F) and file with the Office of  
36 Public Instruction as appropriate.

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1 Cross Reference:

2 Policy 3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute  
3 Resolution Form

4 Policy 3215 Uniform Complaint Procedure

5 Legal Reference:

6 42 U.S.C. § 11431, et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
7 § -5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

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9 Policy History:

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