

Homeless Liaison Duties

The homeless liaison ensures that students experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other agencies and that they receive the following opportunities:

- to be enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools within the district;
- to have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including early intervention services under IDEA and other preschool programs administered by the school district;
- to receive referrals to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services;
- to be informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and be provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- to have enrollment disputes mediated in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- to be fully informed of all transportation services available to McKinney-Vento students, including transportation to the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation;
- to have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children, and, if they are unaccompanied minors, to be informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and to receive assistance verifying this status for purposes of the FAFSA.

Additionally, the homeless liaison ensures the following:

- public notice of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness is disseminated in locations frequented by families and youth experiencing homelessness
- school personnel providing services to students experiencing homelessness receive professional development and other support;