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Notice of Duties of District Liaison for Students that are Homeless

# Havre Public Schools

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Our school district actively enrolls and provides services for children and youth that are homeless. Our school district is required to have a District Homeless Liaison by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This letter is to inform you of the duties of the District Homeless Liaison.

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If you need assistance understanding this letter, please contact the District Homeless Liaison listed above. Do you need an interpreter? Please tell us and we will make sure one is available.

The district liaison must make sure that:

- Children and youths that are homeless are identified by school personnel by reaching out to and coordinating activities with other entities and agencies;
- Children and youths that are homeless are enrolled in school. Children and youths that are homeless have a full and equal opportunity to do well in school;
- Families, children and youths that are homeless have access to and receive educational services they are eligible for. This includes services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), and other preschool programs administered by the school district;
- Families, children and youths that are homeless receive referrals to health care services, dental services (tooth care), mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- The parents or guardians of children and youths that are homeless are informed of the education opportunities and education related opportunities available to their children. They are provided with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the education of their children;
- Public notice of the educational rights of children and youths that are homeless is distributed to locations where parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths often go, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens. This notice must be understandable to the parents and guardians of children and youths, and unaccompanied youths that are homeless;
- Enrollment disagreements are handled as required by the McKinney-Vento Act, Section 9102(g)(3)(E);
- The parent or guardian of a child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth that is homeless, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school the child or youth that is homeless is enrolled in based on what is best for the student as described in the McKinney-Vento Act, Section 9102(g)(1)(A);
- School personnel providing services from the McKinney-Vento Act receive training and other support; and
- Unaccompanied youths (youths that do not live with a parent or guardian) who are homeless—
    - are enrolled in school;
    - have the same education opportunities as other students. This includes opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth. This includes through procedures for identifying and removing barriers that prevent children and youths that are homeless from receiving credit for full or partial courses satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school, as required by State, local, and school policies; and
    - are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv) and that the youths may obtain assistance from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid described in section 483 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1090).


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