

**Education of Homeless Children**

Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other students. The trustees must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a school in the District regardless of residence and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The trustees may not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and revise rules or procedures that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, consideration shall be given to issues concerning transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records, and other documentation.

Homeless students shall have access to services comparable to services offered to other students, including but not limited to:

1. Transportation services;
2. Educational services for which the student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
4. Programs in vocational and technical education, as well as programs for gifted and talented students; and
5. School nutrition program.

The Superintendent or designee shall give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a liaison for homeless children.

A “homeless child” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

In a case where a dispute occurs regarding the enrollment of a homeless child or youth, the following process must be used: Level I of the appeal is to the homeless liaison. If unresolved at this level, the case is appealed to the Superintendent (Level II). If the dispute continues to be unresolved, the final appeal (Level III) is to the state coordinator at the State Department of Education (SDE). Every effort must be made to resolve the complaint or dispute at the local level before it is brought to the SDE.

*Note: This policy is required for a district receiving federal funds under Title I.*

Cross Reference: 4110 Patron Complaints

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 11301, et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
20 U.S.C. § 6311, et seq. Title 1, Part A, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as Amended by ESSA of 2015  
20 U.S.C. § 1400 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2006

