

Instruction

Education of Homeless Children

Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, as provided to other children and youths including public pre-school education. A “homeless child” is defined as provided in the McKinney -Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Education for Homeless Children Act. The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children to coordinate this policy’s implementation.

A homeless child may attend the District school that the child attended when permanently housed or in which the child was last enrolled. A homeless child living in any District school’s attendance area may attend that school.

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, residency, birth certificates, school records and other documentation, and guardianship. Transportation shall be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and State law. The Superintendent or designee shall give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths who are not currently attending school. If a child is denied enrollment or transportation under this policy, the liaison for homeless children shall immediately refer the child or his/her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Regional Superintendent of Schools and provide the child or his or her parent/guardian with a written explanation for the denial. Whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing, of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or other similar hardship, the liaison for homeless children shall, after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter, conduct a review to determine whether such hardship still exists in accordance of State law.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
105 ILCS 45/1-1 et seq., Education for Homeless Children Act
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students).

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