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Education of Homeless Youth

For purposes of this policy and to comply with the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act the term “homeless youth” means:

1. an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
2. an individual whose primary nighttime residence may be but is not limited to:
  - a. a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
  - b. an institute that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
  - c. a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

A homeless youth is entitled to equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other students. The lack of a permanent residence and/or adequate student records may not be the basis for denying enrollment. The Superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of youth who are homeless and not currently attending school. The Superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless youth. The District homeless liaison will help homeless youth and their families’ access community and district resources. A person who has a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless youth may contact the building administrator or District homeless liaison. A written complaint may be filed in accordance with the District Uniform Complaint Procedure.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 11431, et seq. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act  
§ 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

Cross Reference: 1085 Uniform Complaint Procedure

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