

Homeless Children and Youth District Policy

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Purpose

To ensure that each homeless student has equal access to the same, free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other eligible deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Applicability

This policy applies to the Division of State Schools.

Definition

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 11434a (2) et. seq., defines homeless students as those who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

Policy

Homeless children and youth will have access to education and other services needed to have an opportunity to meet the same state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

General Provisions

A. IDENTIFICATION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS:

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 11434a (2) et. seq., defines homeless students as those who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes:

a. Children and youth who:

- (1) Share the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- (2) Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- (3) Live in emergency or transitional shelters;
- (4) Are abandoned in hospitals; or
- (5) Are awaiting foster care placement.