

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH LIAISON

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a coordinator to serve as the District's liaison for homeless children and youth. The liaison shall ensure that:

- Homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- Homeless children and youth enroll in school and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- Homeless children and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and preschool programs administered by the District and referrals to health, mental health, dental and other appropriate services;
- Parents and guardians of homeless children and youth are informed of available educational and related opportunities provided to their children and of the opportunities for the parents and guardians to participate in the education of their children;
- The District disseminates public notices in places in which homeless children and youth receive services of their educational rights;
- The District informs parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth of transportation services, including to and from the school of origin, and provides assistance in accessing the transportation to school;
- Enrollment disputes are properly mediated.

The liaison shall also assist parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth in enrolling in school and accessing the school services, obtaining student records, arranging for immunizations and shall help to coordinate transportation services.

No Segregation. Homeless children and youth shall not be separated from the mainstream school environment on the basis of their status as homeless. Homeless children and youth may be segregated from other students only for short periods of time as necessary for health and safety reasons or to provide temporary, special and supplemental services to meet the unique needs of homeless students. Homeless children and youth shall not be stigmatized or isolated on the basis of their status as homeless. Records indicating their status as homeless shall be maintained in accordance with confidentiality requirements.

Legal Reference:

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