EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN

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

The Superintendent/CEO will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the Superintendent will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records, and other documentation.

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

1. Transportation services;

2. Educational services for which a 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;

5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and

6. School nutrition program.

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

A "homeless individual" is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. Thereafter, a written complain must be filed in accordance with the District Uniform Complaint Procedure.

Legal References:

USC Title 42 §11431 McKinney-Vento Homeless Children Act

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