

## HOMELESS STUDENTS

It is the Board's intent to remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth in school in accordance with state and federal law. The district shall take reasonable steps to ensure that homeless students are not segregated or stigmatized and that decisions are made in the best interest of the student.

Terms used in this policy and its accompanying regulation, such as "homeless children and youth," "unaccompanied youth," "school of origin," "enrollment," and "attendance area school" shall be as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and its implementing regulations. For purposes of this policy and its accompanying regulation, "homeless students" shall refer to "homeless children and youth."

Each homeless child shall have access to and shall be provided with education services for which the student is eligible, comparable to services provided to other students in the school, including summer school, career and technical education programs, gifted and talented education programs and school nutrition programs. Transportation services for homeless students shall be provided in accordance with applicable law.

Homeless students shall be provided access to education and other services that they need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held. All educational decisions shall be made in the best interests of the student.

The district shall coordinate with other districts and with local social service agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to homeless children as needed.

At least one staff member shall be designated to serve as the local liaison and shall fulfill the duties required of the position as set forth in state and federal law. The district shall provide training and other technical assistance to the local liaison(s) and other appropriate district staff regarding the district's obligations to homeless students.

Duties of the local liaison and procedures for identification, enrollment, transportation and dispute resolution for homeless students shall be made in accordance with the accompanying regulation and applicable law.

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Legal refs.: 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)  
20 U.S.C. 6313 (c) (3) (reservation of Title I funding for homeless children and youths)  
42 U.S.C. §11431 (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended)  
C.R.S. 22-1-102.5 (definition of homeless child)

C.R.S. 22-32-109(1) (dd) (remove barriers to success for homeless children)  
C.R.S. 22-33-103.5 (attendance of homeless youth)  
C.R.S. 26-5.7-101 et seq. (Homeless Youth Act)

Cross refs.: EEA, Student Transportation Services  
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EEA-R, Student Transportation Fees  
EEAA, Walkers and Riders  
EEAA-R, Walkers and Riders  
EFC, Free and Reduced Priced Food Services  
EFC-R, Free and Reduced Priced Food Services  
JB, Equal Educational Opportunities  
JF, Admission and Denial of Admission  
JF-E, Admission and Denial of Admission  
JGA, Assignment of New Students and Classes and Grade Levels  
JQ, Student Fees, Fines, and Charges  
JQ-R, Student Activity/Athletic Fees  
JQ-E, 2019-20 Student Fees