

# BOARD POLICY

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## STUDENTS HOMELESS STUDENTS

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Students who meet the definition of 'homeless children and youths' under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*\* will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. Students eligible under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*\* will be provided services and may participate in programs comparable to other students in the District. Board policy, administrative guidelines, and practices will not be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, participation, or school success of eligible students.

The superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children, who will perform the duties as assigned by the superintendent. Additionally, the liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to eligible homeless children and youths.

### LEGAL REF.:

*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act* 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

The term 'homeless children and youth'—

- (A) Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence ~~(within the meaning of section 103a)(1) ...~~; and
- (B) Includes--
  - (i) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; **or** are abandoned in hospitals; ~~or are awaiting foster care placement;~~
  - (ii) Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings ~~within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C) ...~~;
  - (iii) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
  - (iv) Migratory children ~~(as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) ...~~ who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).