

Homeless Liaison

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Homeless Liaison Role

- Second Year
- The district must have an employee filling this role
- Current District Process

Homelessness is increasing across the nation and is starting to rise in our district. Doubled nationally since 2007

McKinney-Vento Act

- Children and youth who experience homelessness have the right to receive a free, appropriate public education ensured by the McKinney-Vento Act. The law requires schools to remove barriers to enrollment, attendance and **success** for homeless students.
- The McKinney-Vento Act sets a high priority on **keeping students at their schools of origin** (the schools they attended when they first experienced homelessness). This provision provides students some stability when other factors are in flux.

Definition of Homelessness.

- (1) Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- (2) 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, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground
- (3) Living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing)
- (4) Imminent danger of losing their housing (eviction)

Couching up with friends & Doubling up with Family

District Responsibilities

- Transportation
 - Free and Reduced Lunch (and breakfast)
 - After school activities and Sports (facilitating and maintaining community connections)
 - Clothes & School Supplies
 - Hygiene Needs
 - Additional misc. items on a case by case basis
- *...to remove barriers to enrollment, attendance and **success** for homeless students*



Hygiene Kits

Current District Statistics

- Currently – 5 “known” homeless students
(4 last year and 2 the previous year)
- 3-HS; 2-MS
- 4 are “doubled up” with family and 1 is living with church members
- 1 of these students is “Safe at Home”