

INSTRUCTION

6:140 Education of Children Experiencing Homelessness

Each child of an individual experiencing homelessness and each youth who is experiencing homelessness has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths, including a public pre-school education. A child experiencing *homelessness* is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and the Education for Homeless Children Act. The Superintendent or designee shall act as or appoint a liaison for children experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity to coordinate this policy's implementation.

A child experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity may attend the District school that the child attended when permanently housed or in which the child was last enrolled. A child experiencing homelessness living in any District school's attendance area may attend that school.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and revise rules or procedures that may act as barriers to the enrollment of children and youths experiencing homelessness. In reviewing and revising such procedures, consideration shall be given to issues concerning transportation, immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records and other documentation, and guardianship. Transportation shall be provided in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and State law. The Superintendent or designee shall give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of children and youths experiencing homelessness who are not currently attending school. If a child is denied enrollment or transportation under this policy, the liaison for children experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity shall immediately refer the child or his or her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Intermediate Service Center Executive Director and provide the child or his or her parent/guardian with a written explanation for the denial. Whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar hardship continue to share the housing, the liaison for children experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity shall, after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter, conduct a review as to whether such hardship continues to exist in accordance with State law.

LEGAL REF.:

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

105 ILCS 45/, Education for Homeless Children Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students)

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