

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Duties of the Homeless Liaisons

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

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**All
Students
Proficient
and Showing
Growth in All
Assessed
Areas**



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**Every
Student
Graduates
from High
School and
is Ready for
College and
Career**



3

**Every
Child Has
Access
to a High-
Quality Early
Childhood
Program**



4

**Every
School Has
Effective
Teachers and
Leaders**



5

**Every
Community
Effectively
Uses a
World-Class
Data System
to Improve
Student
Outcomes**



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**Every
School and
District is
Rated “C” or
Higher**



Duties of Homeless Liaisons-42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)

- DUTIES – Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, designated under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), shall ensure that—
- homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency;

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- homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency;

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- homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;

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- public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;

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- enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with paragraph (3)(E);
- the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin , as described in paragraph (1)(J)(iii), and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school that is selected under paragraph (3)(A);

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- school personnel providing services under this subtitle receive professional development and other support; and
- unaccompanied youths—
 - are enrolled in school;
 - have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth, including through implementation of the procedures under paragraph (1)(F)(ii); and

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- are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv) and that the youths may obtain assistance from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid described in section 483 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1090). [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(A)]

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- LOCAL AND STATE COORDINATION – Local educational agency liaisons for homeless children and youths shall, as a part of their duties, coordinate and collaborate with State Coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths. Such coordination shall include collecting and providing to the State Coordinator the reliable, valid, and comprehensive data needed to meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (f). [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(C)]

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Each local liaison should ensure the following occur regarding homeless children and youths:

- Identified by school personnel
- Enrolled immediately
- Have access to/participate in all eligible educational services
- Receive referrals to health care and other appropriate services
- Informed of educational opportunities available
- Public awareness of educational rights

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- Mediate enrollment disputes
- Fully inform parent/child of transportation services
- Provide PD for school serving homeless children
- Offer same opportunities unaccompanied homeless youth
- Inform age-appropriate unaccompanied homeless youth of independent status
- Verify independent status of unaccompanied youth for FAFSA



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