

Homeless Students

It is the Board's intent to remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless students 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 interests of the student.

Each homeless student shall be provided services for which the student is eligible, comparable to services provided to other students in the school, regardless of residency, including transportation services, education services, career and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs, and school nutrition programs.

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 services agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to homeless students as needed.

The superintendent shall designate at least one staff member in the district to serve as the homeless student liaison and fulfill the duties set forth in state and federal law.

Decisions on enrollment and transportation for homeless students shall be made in accordance with this policy's accompanying regulation.

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LEGAL REFS.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 *et seq.* (*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act – Education for Homeless Children and Youth, as amended by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

C.R.S. 22-1-102.5 (*definition of homeless child*)

C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(dd) *(duty to adopt/revise policies to remove barriers to access and success in schools for homeless children)*

C.R.S. 22-33-103.5 *(attendance of homeless children)*

C.R.S. 26-5.7-101 *et seq. (Homeless Youth Act)*

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