

Section 8000 – Students

8045 Homeless Children

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The Board is committed to identifying homeless children and youth.¹ The Superintendent shall develop guidelines and procedures for identifying homeless children within the District and will produce written guidelines for distribution to each school that explains the rights of homeless students and the responsibilities of the schools to meet their needs and eliminate barriers to school attendance. This information shall also be disseminated in writing and by other means designed to raise awareness of these rights and responsibilities to staff, homeless families and students, the public, and homeless service providers.

Such children shall be provided with educational services to meet their needs as determined and directed by the Superintendent. Regulations/Guidelines will be developed that implement the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The child may attend the school, which is in the best educational, social, and emotional interest of the child.

¹ Under the McKinney Act, the terms homeless children and youths mean "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence ... and 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; 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 ...
- (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 ... who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this part because the children are living in circumstances described [above] "