

Policy Number:

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Title:

Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Students of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth residing in the St. Croix Central School District shall have equal access to the public school educational programs and services that allow them to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held. Homeless students and youth shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless students and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel.

The term “homeless students and unaccompanied youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. It includes students and youths (preschool-grade 12) who are:

- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, public or private spaces not designed for humans to live, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- “Doubled up” by living with friends or family.
- Living in unsuitable living conditions, such as lack of utilities, mold, infestations, or dangers.
- Awaiting foster care placement.

Migratory students and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) may be considered homeless if they meet the above definition. Homeless status is determined in cooperation with the parent/guardian or in the case of unaccompanied youth, the local educational agency liaison.

The District Administrator or designee shall oversee the Homeless Education Program and designate at least one McKinney-Vento liaison. Administrative procedures shall be created to address the rights and services provided to homeless children and youths. These rights and services shall not discriminate against a student.

LEGAL REF: Title IX, Part A of ESSA, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Wisconsin Statutes §118.01

CROSS REF: 411-Equal Educational Opportunity

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