

R2260- Homeless Students

Homeless Liaison

The Board of Education has appointed Principal Donnie Parsons as liaison for homeless students.

The responsibilities of the liaison will include, but not be limited to:

1. Ensure that homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Establish practices designed to ensure the school enrollment and success of homeless students;
3. Assist with the enrollment of homeless students and provide assistance with obtaining academic and medical records;
4. Make school placement decisions based on the best interest of the child and wishes of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth;
5. Inform parents, guardians, or unaccompanied homeless students of the educational and related opportunities available to them;
6. Ensure that homeless students and their families have access to educational services including Head Start, Even Start and other preschool programs administered by the District;
7. Ensure that referrals are made to health care, dental, mental health and other appropriate services;
8. Ensure that homeless students are not isolated or stigmatized because of their status as homeless;
9. Handle enrollment disputes and ensure that disputes over the placement of homeless students are resolved in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of the McKinney Vento Act;
10. Provide/arrange transportation and inform the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied homeless youth of the transportation services the school district must make available and assist homeless students in accessing transportation to and from school; and
11. Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of homeless students in places where homeless students receive services.
12. Ensure school personnel receives professional development and other support.
13. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have the opportunity to meet the same challenging state academic standards, are informed of their status as independent students under Section 480 of the Higher Education Act and their right to receive verification of this status.