

8045      Homeless Children

The Board is committed to identifying homeless children and youth. 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.

The Superintendent shall waive fees and charges that may act as barriers and prevent homeless children from enrolling in school and/or acquiring an appropriate education.

LEGAL REF: 42 USCA §11433 (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act); 20 USCA § 6311 (No Child Left Behind Act)