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HOMELESS AND FOSTER CARE PROVISIONS



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HOMELESS STUDENTS



MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Under McKinney-Vento, state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) must ensure that homeless children and youths have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

WHICH STUDENTS

Homeless Student: Any child or youth who lacks a fixed, regular or adequate night-time residence is considered homeless and McKinney-Vento eligible for assistance and services. This includes temporarily sharing housing with others, living in bus or train stations, hotels, campgrounds, or similar settings.

WHICH STUDENTS

Unaccompanied Youth: Students who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian; this includes **youth** who have run away from home, have been kicked out of their homes, or have been abandoned by parents.

IDENTIFICATION

- ◆ Challenges
- ◆ Community Collaboration
- ◆ Efforts to Increase Awareness
- ◆ Proof of Residence

ENROLLMENT

- ◆ School Selection/School of Origin
- ◆ Immediate Enrollment
- ◆ Homeless Forms
- ◆ Contact Appropriate Department(s)
- ◆ Connect with Homeless Liaisons to identify additional needs for support and services
- ◆ Dispute Resolution Process (SEED)

SUPPORTS PROVIDED

- ◆ Transportation to School of Origin (Transportation Vouchers)
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Uniform Vouchers
- ◆ Connection to Community Resources
- ◆ Connection to Medical and Health Resources
- ◆ School Fees and Aftercare for School-Aged Children (In certain hardship cases.)

FOSTER CARE STUDENTS



ESSA

- ◆ December 10, 2015, *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) was signed into law. It amended Title I, Part A of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*.
- ◆ **Specifically, ESSA provides new guidelines and resources to support children in foster care.**
- ◆ **Effective Dec. 10, 2016.**

MANDATORY POINTS OF CONTACT

- ◆ SCS: Dr. Karen F. Ball
- ◆ DCS: Dr. Nakeisha Griffin and Mrs. Kissten Harris

OTHER KEY PLAYERS

- ◆ **FAMILY SERVICE WORKER:** State-recognized custodian for the child. Must attend all meetings, hearings, and medical appointments for the custodial child. (Parent One)
- ◆ **EDUCATION SPECIALIST:** Oversees the educational aspects of the case. Must be involved in all school meetings. (Parent Two)

OTHER KEY PLAYERS

- ◆ **AGENCY WORKER:** Appointed by DCS and act as an extension of the DCS case manager.
- ◆ **FOSTER PARENT:** Provides care and shelter for the custodial child. They are an extension of DCS and/or the agency.

CONTRACTED AGENCIES

- ◆ YOUTH VILLAGES
- ◆ CAMELOT
- ◆ OMNI VISIONS
- ◆ PORTER LEATH
- ◆ MERITAN

FOSTER CARE ENROLLMENT

- ◆ Must be enrolled immediately.
- ◆ School of Origin/BID/Transportation
- ◆ If not in the child's best interest to remain in the school of origin, the child will be **immediately enrolled** in a new school.
- ◆ The new (enrolling) school should immediately contact the school of origin to obtain records.

FOSTER CARE ENROLLMENT

- ◆ State POC shall oversee implementation of the educational stability provisions.
- ◆ Data reporting on students in foster care is required.

SUPPORTS PROVIDED

- ◆ School-Based Point of Contact
- ◆ Best Interest Determination Meetings
- ◆ Transportation to School of Origin (Maybe Shared with DCS).
- ◆ MOU (Must be approved by the state).
- ◆ Academic Monitoring to Ensure Access to FAPE and Post-High School Opportunities

WRAPPING UP

- ◆ Questions
- ◆ Concerns
- ◆ Considerations

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[Effective Collaboration Webinar PowerPoint](#)

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/edhhsfostercarenonregulatoryguide.pdf>

[Transportation Procedures Webinar PowerPoint](#)

[Best Interest Determinations and Immediate Enrollment PowerPoint Presentation](#)

[An Overview of the ED/HHS Joint Guidance PowerPoint Presentation](#) (June 27, 2016)

[Foster Care Guidance](#) (June 23, 2016)