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5 Education of Homeless Children

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7 Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the  
8 same free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The  
9 District must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence  
10 and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for  
11 enrollment. The District may not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a  
12 homeless child.

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14 Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain  
15 at the school of origin

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17 The Homeless Liaison will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to  
18 enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the  
19 Homeless Liaison will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates,  
20 school records, and other documentation.

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22 Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students, including  
23 but not limited to:

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25 1. Transportation services;  
26 2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);  
27 3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;  
28 4. Programs for gifted and talented students; and  
29 5. School nutrition program.

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31 The Homeless Liaison will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of  
32 homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The Board will appoint a liaison for  
33 homeless children.

34 A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.  
35 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will  
36 first present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. To further ensure that the  
37 District is removing barriers to the educational access and success of children and youths who are  
38 homeless, and to ensure that Title 1 funding is expended in an appropriate manner, the District has  
39 adopted the dispute resolution form at 3125F.

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41 Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure  
42 3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute

43 Resolution

44 Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§42 U.S.C. § 11301 *et seq* 11431, et seq.  
45 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act  
46 § 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

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