

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZKA-STEUBEN

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The School District of Wauzeka-Steuben will implement the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* to ensure that homeless individuals and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/legal guardian) initially residing in the District are provided with equal access to the same free, appropriate, public education including comparable services as provided to other students and youth who reside in the District. Homeless children and youth have equal opportunities to meet state and District academic achievement standards and are free from discrimination, segregation, stigmatization, and harassment.

Students/Families who qualify under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* have the right to attend the school of origin for immediate enrollment, to receive transportation services, and to dispute school selection or enrollment. The homeless liaison for the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben is the school counselor.

School of Origin:

The District shall, in determining the best interests of the student to the extent feasible, continue the student's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness or enroll the student in the school district in which the homeless child/youth is actually living.

Enrollment:

The District shall immediately enroll the student, even if the student lacks records normally required for enrollment. Records will immediately be requested from the previous school.

Transportation:

Transportation services will be available to qualifying students to the extent feasible in order for the individual to continue to attend the school of origin. In the case that the school of origin and current residence are different local educational agencies, the two school districts will agree on a method for transportation and share costs.

Disputes:

If a dispute arises over school district selection or enrollment in a school, the student shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. Appeals will go to the District Administrator or his/her designee. The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the student or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the appealed decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including the rights of the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) or youth to appeal the decision to the Office of Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Education provides current information on each of the federal requirements under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act (EHCY). The link to the EHCY homepage is:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless>

Legal References: **Section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (supporting a liaison); Section 722(g)(1)(J)(iii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (providing transportation)**

Cross References: **ESEA Sections 1124, 1124A, 1125, 1125A**

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