



ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH | 8002.3

The Red Clay Consolidated School District shall adhere to the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act which aims to minimize the educational disruptions experienced by students who are experiencing homelessness.

Under McKinney-Vento, homeless students are guaranteed the right to a free, appropriate, public education. When students become homeless, they can remain enrolled in the schools they have been attending, although they might no longer meet residency requirements. McKinney-Vento also guarantees homeless students the right to enroll in a public school even if they lack the typically required documents and immunizations. In addition, homeless students are guaranteed the transportation they need to attend school.

According to McKinney-Vento, "homeless" can be defined as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate housing
- Living in emergency or transitional housing
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting foster care
- Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- Migratory students meeting the descriptions above

The following signs may indicate homelessness:

- Lack of continuity in education
- Poor health/nutrition
- Transportation and attendance problems
- Poor hygiene
- Lack of privacy/personal space after school
- Social and behavioral concerns
- Reactions/statements by parent, guardian or child

The Red Clay Consolidated School District will adopt policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their homeless status. Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) residing in the District shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate, public education, including comparable services, as provided to other children and youth who reside in the District. Homeless children and youth shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel. (Title X, Section 722 (g)(1)(J))



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The Red Clay District Liaison will act as parentis in loco to assist unaccompanied homeless youth in school selection and enrollment decisions. The District liaison will consider the views of such unaccompanied homeless youth and provide written notice to such youth of the right to appeal enrollment decisions. (Title X, Sec. 722 (g)(3)(B).

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