



LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY LIAISON DUTIES UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, every local educational agency is required to designate a liaison for homeless children and youth. The local educational agency liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children and youths enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically. Under the law, the liaison must be able to carry out the duties included in the law.

This short document describes those duties. A tool for liaisons to assess their capacity to carry out these duties may be found [here](#).

Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths shall ensure that—

- (i) homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
- (ii) homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency.
- (iii) homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs), early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency.
- (iv) homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services.
- (v) the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
- (vi) public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths.
- (vii) enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with this law.
- (viii) the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation.
- (ix) school personnel providing services under this law receive professional development and other support.
- (x) unaccompanied youths—
 - (I) are enrolled in school;
 - (II) have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth, including through implementation of partial credit procedures; and
 - (III) are informed of their status as independent students and are able to obtain assistance from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)