

LEA McKinney-Vento Homelessness Policy Checklist



Local Educational Agency name: _____

Policy name(s) and/or number(s): _____

Date the policy was adopted: ____ / ____ / ____

Component	Included and compliant ¹ (page/citation)	Included, not compliant (page/citation)	Not included	Notes ²
Definition of homeless (42 U.S.C. §11434a(2))				
LIAISONS				
LEA liaison is required (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(ii))				

¹ To be considered compliant, the information in the policy must be legally accurate and complete. It does not have to include implementation instructions. For example, the definition of school of origin must include preschools and feeder schools. It does not have to go into detail about which preschools are covered.

² If a policy is marked not compliant, explain why in the notes. Also note any questions or concerns about a policy and any policies that are particularly well-written or otherwise could be considered a model.

LEA liaison is required to participate in PD provided by State Coordinator (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iv))				
PD provided to school liaisons and other school staff (principals, attendance officers, teachers, enrollment personnel, counselors, and specialized instructional support personnel) (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(ix))				
School personnel, service providers, advocates, parents, guardians and students are informed of the liaison's duties (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(B))				
IDENTIFICATION				
Public notice of educational rights is disseminated in locations frequented by parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vi))				
Collaboration with community agencies (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(5))				

SCHOOL OF ORIGIN				
Definition of school of origin (§11432(g)(3)(l))				
Best interest determination, including prioritizing parent/guardian/youth wishes and presumption of school of origin. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(A)-(B))				
Transportation, including timeliness and crossing LEA lines. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii))				
Written explanation, including information about how to appeal, is provided if the LEA sends a student to a school that is not the school of origin or the school requested by the parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth (§11432(g)(3)(B)(iii)-(iv))				

IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT, INCLUDING FULL PARTICIPATION

<p>Immediate enrollment without documents: records, birth certificate, residency, uniform/dress code (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C))</p>				
<p>Immediate enrollment without immunizations and health records (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C))</p>				
<p>Immediate enrollment in LEA-administered early childhood programs (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iii))</p>				
<p>Missed application or enrollment deadlines during a period of homelessness (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C))</p>				
<p>Access to extracurricular activities (42 U.S.C. §11434a(1))</p>				
<p>Transportation to extracurricular activities (U.S. Department of Education (2018). Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program Non-Regulatory Guidance, J-11.)</p>				
<p>Access to free school meals (42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(1)(E) and (g)(4)(E))</p>				

Outstanding fines/fees cannot be a barrier to immediate enrollment (including full participation). (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I))				
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH				
Definition (42 U.S.C. §11434a(6))				
Immediate enrollment without parent or guardian (42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(1)(H)(iv) and (g)(3)(C))				
Full participation (42 U.S.C. §11434a(1))				
Assistance with FAFSA (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(x)(III))				

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool is specifically included in school of origin
(§11432(g)(3)(l))

Referrals to 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 (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iii))

DISPUTES

Process is available if a dispute arises over eligibility, or school selection or enrollment in a school.
(42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E))

<p>Student (including unaccompanied youth) is immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)(i))</p>				
<p>Parents, guardians and youth are provided with a written explanation of any decisions made by a school or LEA, including the right to appeal. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)(ii))</p>				
<p>Dispute process includes the liaison. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)(iii))</p>				
<p>Dispute process includes timelines. (U.S. Department of Education (2018). Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program Non-Regulatory Guidance, K-3)</p>				
<p>Dispute process is accessible and understandable to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B)(iii))</p>				

GRADUATION AND POSTSECONDARY TRANSITION

Partial credits (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(ii))				
Access to school counselors (42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(1)(K) and (g)(6)(A)(x)(III))				
Access to state diploma, where applicable depending on state law				

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parents and guardians are given meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children and information about their rights, including transportation. (42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(6)(A)(v), (vi) and (viii))				

BARRIER REMOVAL GENERALLY

General statement that barriers to identification, enrollment and retention will be removed. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I))				
Absences caused by homelessness will be excused. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I))				
McKinney-Vento students are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(i))				
Referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services. (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iv))				
Homeless status is treated as a protected education record that will not be shared without specific consent (or other appropriate reference to privacy/confidentiality). (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(G))				