

## **HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Children who meet the Federal definition of “homeless” will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the District and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of status as homeless. No homeless student will be denied enrollment based on lack of proof of residency or lack of documentation of required immunization. No Board policy, administrative guideline, or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, or school success of homeless children.

Homeless students will be provided services comparable to other students in the District in compliance with Federal and Connecticut state laws. The Superintendent/Executive Director will appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children who will perform the duties as assigned by the Superintendent/Executive Director. Additionally, the Liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths.

(c.f. 5141.3- Health Assessments and Immunizations)  
(c.f. 5141.4 – Prevention and reporting of Child Abuse)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-253(e) School privileges for children in certain placements, non- resident children and children in temporary shelters.  
17a-101 Protection of children from abuse. Reports required of certain professional persons. When child may be removed from surroundings without a court order.  
17a -102 Report of danger of abuse.  
17a- 103 Reports by others.  
17a- 106 Cooperation in relation to prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect.  
46b- 120 Definitions.  
McKenney – Vento Homeless Assistance Act (PL 107-110-Sec. 1032) 42 U.S.C. §11431-11435

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