

LEA Homeless Liaison Duties for Stanley Hupfeld Academy

1.2.1 LEA Homeless Liaison Duties Every LEA must designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. It is important that the Homeless Liaison has some knowledge and experience in dealing with federal programs and social worker responsibilities. It is important that the Homeless Liaison has knowledge of the LEA demographics, understands the community, has great communication skills, and has a commitment to serving the Homeless children and youth.

In 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(A), the McKinney-Vento Act lists the responsibilities of the local homeless liaison. The law states that local homeless liaisons will ensure that:

- Homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- Homeless students enroll in, and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- Homeless children and youth, their families, and unaccompanied youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and other preschool programs administered by the LEA;
- Homeless families, children, and youth receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, and other appropriate services;
- Parents or guardians of homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youth are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- Parents or guardians of a homeless child or youth and unaccompanied youth are fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation services to their selected school;
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
- Public notice of the educational rights of homeless students is disseminated in all schools and other places around the community;
- With the assistance of the LEA personnel, procedures are implemented to ensure homeless children and youth receive appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school; OSDE - TITLE IX, PART A HANDBOOK 8
- LEA school counselors assist and advise homeless children and youth to improve college preparation and readiness;
- Unaccompanied homeless youth are informed regarding their independent status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- School personnel who serve homeless children and youth, including the Homeless Liaison, receive professional development and other support.

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