

POLICY TITLE: EDUCATION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 2005	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED:	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED:
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: STUDENTS		

I. Purpose

~~The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Board's commitment to and adoption of the provision of federal and state law and regulation which protects the rights of homeless students as therein defined.~~

II. Definitions

~~None.~~

III. Statement of Policy

~~A. The Board hereby adopts the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2001, 42 U.S. Code 11431 et seq. and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Section found at Title 13A.05.09.~~

~~B. The Superintendent shall establish procedures which implement the provision of the above cited law and regulations.~~

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Board's commitment to educating students who are homeless in accordance with federal and state law and regulation.

II. Definitions

A. Homeless student means:

1. A child or youth who lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime place of residence.
2. Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason, are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations, are living in emergency or transitional shelters, also referred to as transitional housing, are abandoned in hospitals, or are awaiting foster care placement.
3. Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for individuals.
4. Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

5. Migratory children, as defined in §6399 of Title 20, who qualify as homeless for the purposes of the McKinney-Vento Act.

6. A child awaiting foster care placement.

B. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (“McKinney-Vento Act”) means: federal law codified at 42 United States Code § 11431 *et seq.*

III. Statement of Policy

A. The Board affirms its commitment to provide educational services and supports to homeless students in accordance with the McKinney Vento Act; Code of Maryland Administrative Regulations (“COMAR”) 13A.05.09 and any other pertinent law.

B. In furtherance of the above commitment the Board directs the Superintendent to:

1. Appoint a coordinator for the education of the homeless who shall ensure that homeless students are identified and served in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act; COMAR 13A.05.09, and any other pertinent law or regulation.

2. Adopt procedures to implement this policy.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Barbara P. Canavan, Superintendent
Board of Education of Harford County

Policy Action Dates					
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LEGAL REFERENCES¹

All references are set forth in the Policy.

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.