

HOMELESS YOUTH

I. Policy

This policy ensures that homeless youth, as defined by federal law, receive the same educational opportunities, access, and services comparable to those received by other students. The District designates a liaison for homeless youth who ensures that students' rights are protected and have the opportunity to reach the same high academic standards expected of all students.

II. School Enrollment, Placement, and Transportation

- A. Guardianship, residential status, immunizations, or other documentation shall not be barriers to immediate enrollment of homeless youth. To the extent feasible, homeless youth should remain in their school of origin and transportation will be provided. To the extent provided by federal law, homeless youth have the right to stay in their school of origin for the entire time they are homeless, unless a parent or guardian chooses otherwise.
- B. The District homeless liaison will assist homeless youth and parents or guardians in determining eligibility, placement, and transportation.

III. Dispute Resolution

Disputes regarding the educational placement of a homeless youth are expeditiously addressed through the dispute resolution process mandated by the Minnesota Department of Education. Parents or guardians and unaccompanied youth must be informed of the process and in the event of a dispute, the homeless youth must be immediately enrolled in the school of choice while the dispute is being resolved.

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