JFABD Admission of Homeless Students

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the admission of homeless students to schools in the district.

Homeless students in the district will have access to the education and other services needed to ensure that an opportunity is available to meet the same academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

A liaison for students in homeless situations will be designated by the district to carry out duties as required by law.

The district will ensure that homeless students are not stigmatized nor segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. A homeless student will be admitted to the district school in the attendance area in which the student is actually living or to the student’s school of origin as requested by the parent/guardian and in accordance with the student’s best interest. Transportation will be provided to and from the student's school of origin at the request of the parent/guardian, or in the case of an unaccompanied student, the district’s liaison for homeless students.

An unaccompanied youth or the parent/guardian of a homeless student may request a state-level review of the district's final decision regarding an enrollment issue. Under no circumstances will the resolution of a dispute delay the enrollment of said student.

The district will not deny admission to any student on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, sex, immigrant status or English-speaking status, national origin or disabling condition.

The superintendent will develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

(Cf. EEA, IHBA, JFAA, JH, JRA)

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Legal references:

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A. Federal Law:
   1. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 11431, et seq. - Provides that homeless children are entitled to a public education, including a public preschool education.
3. Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 2000c, et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, among other factors, by public elementary and secondary schools.
4. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 2000d - No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

B. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 59-63-40 - Discrimination on account of race, creed, color, or national origin prohibited.

C. Federal Cases:

D. State Board of Education Regulations:

Federal Law:


Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex.

Uniform Tax Act (Section 1624, Internal Code) Section 610 E, Code Section 6676 E - All dependents age five and above required to have social security number.

State Board of Education Regulations:

R 43-272.2 - Review process for homeless children and unaccompanied youth.