

Miami East Policy

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services.



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. To that end, homeless students will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and will be assigned to the school serving those non-homeless students residing in the area in which the homeless child is actually living. No homeless student will be denied enrollment based on a lack of proof of residency. The District shall establish safeguards that protect homeless students from discrimination on the basis of their homelessness.

If you have
Questions about
enrolling in school or
need assistance with
enrolling in schools,
contact:



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Homeless Awareness Links/Resources:

- The NCHE Brochure:
http://center.serve.org/nc/he/pr/nche_brochure.php
- Any of a number of homeless education issue briefs that cover specific topics related to the McKinney-Vento Act:
<http://center.serve.org/nc/he/pr/briefs.php>
- Resources for School Personnel:
http://center.serve.org/nc/he/ibt/educ_schpers.php



The Rights of Homeless Parents and their Children

Overview Headline

Your child has the right to:

- ▶ Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there;
- ▶ Stay in the school that he or she was attending before becoming homeless or the school he or she last attended, if that is your choice and it is feasible;
- ▶ Enroll in school immediately, even if you do not have all the paperwork, such as your child's school or medical records;
- ▶ Access the same special programs and services that are provided to other children, including special education, migrant education and vocational education;
- ▶ Receive the same public education that is provided to other children, including preschool.

(Your child cannot be separated from the mainstream school environment because he or she is homeless. He or she cannot be segregated in a separate school, separate programs within a school or separate settings within a school).

If your child is assigned to a school not of your choosing, the school district must explain its decision in writing.

You have the right to appeal the district's decision regarding the school to which your child has been assigned. Your child has the right to go to the school of your choice while the dispute is being resolved.

How Can you help your child?

- ▶ Make sure your child attends school every day; 4Read to your child. Even a few minutes a day makes a difference.
- ▶ Make education a family priority
- ▶ Help your child develop good study habits;
- ▶ Meet with your child's teachers and other school personnel.

Miami East Board Policy

No Board policy, administrative procedure, or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, or school success of homeless children.



The McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Program was designed to make sure all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as children and youth who are not homeless. This includes preschool education.

State and local educational agencies are required to develop, review and revise policies to remove barriers to the enrollment, attendance and success in school that homeless children and youth may experience.

Local educational agencies also must provide homeless children and youth with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and state student performance standards to which all students are held.

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