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5 Education of Homeless Children

6 Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the same
7 free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The District must
8 assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence and irrespective of
9 whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The District may
10 not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

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12 Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain at
13 the school of origin.

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15 The Superintendent will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to
16 enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the
17 Superintendent will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school
18 records, and other documentation.

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20 Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students, including but
21 not limited to:

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23 1. Transportation services;
24 2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
25 3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
26 4. Programs in vocational and technical education;
27 5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
28 6. School nutrition program.

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30 The Superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless
31 children and youths not currently attending school. The Superintendent will appoint a liaison for
32 homeless children. A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless
33 Assistance Act.

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35 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first
36 present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. To further ensure that the District is
37 removing barriers to the educational access and success of children and youths who are homeless, and to
38 ensure that Title 1 funding is expended in an appropriate manner.

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40 Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure
41 3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute Resolution
42 Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§42 U.S.C. § 11301 *et seq* 11431, et seq.
43 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
44 § 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

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