

1 **Manhattan School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Education of Homeless Children

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

13 Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain at
14 the school of origin, or be eligible to attend another school in the district.

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

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

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

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

36 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first
37 present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. To further ensure that the District is
38 removing barriers to the educational access and success of children and youths who are homeless, and to
39 ensure that Title 1 funding is expended in an appropriate manner, the District has adopted the dispute
40 resolution form at 3125F.

42 Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure
43 3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute
44 Resolution Form

46 Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 11431, et seq. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
47 § 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

48 Policy History:

49 Adopted on:

50 Reviewed on:

51 Revised on: 9/12/2017, 08/13/19

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**MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE
DISPUTE RESOLUTION FORM**

School District: Manhattan

Liaison _____

Telephone _____

Date of first contact by homeless individual, guardian, or representative _____

Homeless Student's Name _____

Describe the issue(s) in question _____

School District Contact _____ Telephone _____

(Superintendent/Principal)

Date _____ (within 7 business days)

Resolution of Liaison/School District Level (*describe below*) _____ or

Forwarded to OPI Homeless Coordinator [*please contact at (406) 444-2036*] _____

Date _____ (within 15 business days)

Resolution to OPI Homeless Coordinator Level (*describe below*) _____ or

Forwarded to Superintendent of Public Instruction _____

Describe Resolution Results _____

Homeless Coordinator Signature _____

This form must be filed with

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