

HOMELESS STUDENTS

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act** applies to all homeless students and “unaccompanied youth.” The Act removes barriers to school enrollment and requires that states address enrollment delays. **A copy of the entire McKinney-Vento Law can be obtained by e-mailing Dianne Sepielli via CAB**
- Pertinent information on the Law states that:
 1. Homeless students are allowed to **enroll immediately without the normal enrollment documents** once they identify themselves as homeless.
 2. **Homeless students are allowed to remain at their school of origin during the year they are homeless.**
 3. Transportation is provided. (Requests must be made through the Homeless Education Program.)
 4. Homeless students are coded into the district mainframe on the A23 immediately upon enrollment and information given to the Homeless Education Program Office.
 5. Homeless students are automatically given free meals once they are coded into the mainframe as homeless.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Inform new staff:** be sure that your front office staff knows what to do to ensure prompt entry of students and data.
- Post the posters:** Posters were sent to each school in July 2006 explaining the rights of homeless students. These posters must be posted in a visible place where students congregate. If you need more posters, please e-mail Dianne Sepielli via CAB. The posters are available in English and Spanish.
- Be an advocate for the student in school:** Inform homeless students upon intake about their rights to an education and how they can access educational services.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- You will be in violation of Federal Law therefore jeopardizing all Federal funding that comes to the District.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- School administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, front office staff, especially registrars and data processing clerks

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Presentations by request and e-mails if needed

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