



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy

The River Valley School District will implement the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* to ensure that homeless individuals and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) initially residing in the district are provided with equal access to the same free appropriate public education including comparable services, as provided to other students and youth who reside in the River Valley School District.

Students/families who qualify under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* have the right to attend the school of origin, allow for immediate enrollment, receive transportation services, and the right to dispute school selection or enrollment.

School of Origin:

The district shall, in determining the best interests of the student to the extent feasible, continue the student's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness or enroll the student in the school district in which the homeless child/youth is actually living.

Enrollment:

The school shall immediately enroll the student, even if the student lacks records normally required for enrollment. Records will immediately be requested from the previous school.

Transportation:

Transportation services will be available to qualifying students to the extent feasible in order for the individual to continue to attend the school of origin. In the case where the school of origin and current residence are different local educational agencies, the two school districts will agree on a method for transportation and share costs.

Disputes:

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the student shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. Appeals will go to the District Administrator or his/her designee. The parent/guardian of the student, or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the appealed decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including the rights of the parent/guardian, or youth to appeal the decision to the Office of Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Education provides current information on each of the federal requirements under the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act (EHCY). The link to the EHCY homepage is <http://homeless.dpi.wi.gov/>.

Cross Reference:

Policy 411 Nondiscrimination/Equal Education Opportunities
Policy 411 Rule Student Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures
Policy 420 School Admissions

Policy 420 Rule Procedures for Entry/Reentry into the Public School System from Other Educational Programs

Legal References:

Wisconsin State Statute 118.13

PI9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

American with Disabilities Act of 1990

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Civil Rights Act of 1991

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

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