

Springfield School District 19

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Homeless Students

Homeless students in the district will have access to the educational and other services needed to ensure that an opportunity is available to meet the same academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

A liaison for students in homeless situations will be designated by the district to carry out duties as required by law.

The district will ensure that homeless students are not stigmatized nor segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. A homeless student will be admitted to the district school in the attendance area in which the student is actually living or to the student's school of origin as requested by the parent and in accordance with the student's best interest. Transportation may be provided to and from the student's school of origin at the request of the parent, or in the case of an unaccompanied student, the district's liaison for homeless students.

The superintendent or designee will develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the child/youth must be immediately admitted to the school in which he/she is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute. The parent or guardian must be provided with a written explanation of the school's decision on the dispute, including the right to appeal. The parent/guardian/youth must be referred to the school district homeless contact person, who will carry out the state's grievance procedure as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the homeless liaison shall ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending resolution of the dispute. If eligibility, enrollment or placement disputes or complaints arise regarding the education of homeless children and youth, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Homeless Education Program recommends that:

1. The person having the complaint first contact the school or district (e.g., the local school district Liaison for homeless students, the principal, or superintendent) to present their concerns to the people closest to the situation and most likely to be able to resolve it quickly.
2. If Step A is not successful or is not possible under the circumstances, contact should be made with the ODE directly through the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Office of the State Coordinator. ODE is required to deliver a response within 20 business days of the receipt of the complaint.

3. Districts that make determinations on eligibility, enrollment or school placement for homeless students that conflict with the wishes of the parent or student involved are required to provide notice of the determination in writing to all parties, along with instructions on how to appeal the decision. Students are entitled to remain in their school of choice until the appeal process has reached completion. Districts are advised to include review by ODE as the final step in the appeals process.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 327.006](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 433.267](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2005).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6315 (2006).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2006).

Letter Opinions, Office of the OR Attorney General (March 15, April 18, June 30 1988).

OR. DEP'T OF EDUC., ODE EXECUTIVE MEMORANDA 23-1988-89, 42-1994-95.