

## HOMELESS STUDENTS

The Milton School Committee considers the school enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth throughout the system as a high priority. It is the policy of the Milton School Committee that every homeless child and youth be sensitively identified as required by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

It is the policy and goal of the Milton School Committee to provide and ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same public education and opportunities to succeed in our schools per the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and as provided to other children and youths.

Milton will not deny enrollment to any student based on lack of permanent address or homelessness. No school shall deny enrollment or delay the enrollment or transfer of any homeless student due to the inability to produce residency, medical, or school records.

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youths as individuals who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes children and youths who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- living in emergency or transitional shelters; or - abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

Homeless students will be provided District services for which they are eligible, including Head Start or pre-school programs, Title I, special education, programs for English language learners, vocational and technical education, gifted and talented programs, and school nutrition programs.

Homeless students are entitled to transportation to their school of origin or the school where they are to be enrolled. If there is an enrollment dispute, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending the resolution of the dispute.

To the extent practical and as required by law, Milton will work with homeless students and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services.

The Superintendent shall designate a District liaison for homeless students and their families.

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