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HOMELESS CHILDREN REGULATION

The Office of Central Registration shall maintain forms provided by the Commissioner of Education for designating a homeless child's district of attendance. These forms must be provided to any homeless child or parent or guardian who seeks to enroll a child in school. The district's McKinney-Vento liaison for homeless students shall assist the homeless child and/or parent or
guardian in understanding their rights under the law and provide them with
information regarding the educational and related opportunities available to them.

School placement decisions for homeless children will be based on the
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Parental rights under FERPA pertaining to student records extend to a person acting as a parent in the absence of a parent/guardian. The district grants unaccompanied youth under age 18 the rights under FERPA for eligible students and parents/guardians.

Transportation

Unless the homeless child is receiving transportation provided by the Department of Social Services the district will provide transportation services to the child in accordance with applicable law. Where the district is designated by the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth, and the student attends the school of origin as defined in law described in the accompanying policy (including a publicly funded preschool administered by the district or the State Education Department), the district shall provide transportation, even iftransportation is not generally provided to permanently housed students and the student is residing outside the district's boundaries. A designated school district that must provide transportation to a homeless child is not required to provide transportation in excess of 50 miles one way, unless the Commissioner of Education determines that it is in the best interest ofthe child.

Transportation must be provided to the school oforigin when the district receives notice of a child's homeless status, for the duration ofthe student's homelessness, as well as during the pendency of any disputes. Transportation must be provided to the receiving school as defined in Education Law §3209 (l){h) if the student is homeless over multiple years. If a child becomes permanently housed during the school year, the student has the right to transportation services to the school of origin until the end of the academic year, as well as one additional year if it is the student's final grade level or terminal year in the building.

If the district recommends that a homeless child attend a summer educational program, and lack of transportation is a barrier to participation, the district will provide transportation. The district will provide transportation to extracurricular or school activities for homeless students eligible for such activities where lack of transportation is a barrier to participation.

Dispute Resolution Process

If, after the Superintendent reviews the designation form (STAC-202), and/or the Residency Questionnaire Form, they find that the student is either not homeless, not entitled to attend the district's school, or not entitled to transportation (ifrequested) the Superintendent or designee will do the following: