

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

So that enrollment of homeless children and youth of school age may be facilitated, the following procedures shall be followed:

School Records: For students transferring out of the District, school records may be provided directly to the student or the student's parents/guardians. Students transferring into the District may provide cumulative records directly to the District. The District shall not require that records be forwarded from another District before enrolling. The District shall then request the official records from the sending school.

Immunization Requirements: Homeless children and youth shall not be denied enrollment for lack of immunization records if:

- a. they have a statement signed by a physician stating that immunization would be injurious to the student;
- b. they provide an affidavit stating such immunization would conflict with their religious beliefs;
- c. they are in the process of being immunized; or
- d. they are a transfer student from another District.

The District shall make a reasonable effort to locate the immunization records from the information provided or shall arrange for the children and youth to receive immunizations.

Waiver of Fees and Charges: Fees and charges which may present a barrier to the enrollment or transfer of a homeless child or youth shall be waived.

Enrollment Requirements/Placement: Enrollment requirements which may be a barrier to receiving an education shall be waived.

If the District is unable to determine the grade level of the student because of missing or incomplete records, the District shall administer tests or utilize other reasonable means to determine the appropriate grade level.

Residency: For the purpose of attending school, residence shall be where the homeless child or youth actually resides or the District of origin. District of origin is the District where last enrolled. The deciding factor shall be the welfare of the homeless child or youth. The child or youth will not be required to change attendance centers within the District every time a change in residence occurs unless that change results

in the child or youth no longer being able to be classified as homeless.

Transportation: Policies or practices regarding bus transportation which might cause a barrier to the attendance of a homeless child or youth shall be waived. Special Programs/Services: All programs/services which are available to District resident students shall be made available to homeless children or youth enrolled in the District (e.g., special education, talented and gifted education, vocational education, English as a second language program, health services, the food and nutrition program.)

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