

MCKinney-Vento Information

North Wood R-IV School is committed to providing equal access for all eligible homeless students to a free, appropriate education in the same manner as is provided to other North Wood R-IV students.

Policy and Regulation 2260 outlines the requirements for identified Homeless students.

Responsibilities include: Identify and assess the needs of North Wood R-IV homeless students, provide for the placement of homeless students in the school of best interest, and provide access to all programs in the North Wood R-IV School District. Special attention is given to transportation, immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records, and guardianship.

Identification includes students under the age of twenty-one who lack a fixed, regular nighttime residence and include students who:

1. Are sharing the house of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in a hotel, motel or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in an emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals, or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. Have a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping area for human beings.
3. are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. are a migratory child or youth who qualifies as homeless because the child or youth is living in circumstances described in subdivisions 1-3 of this section.

Homeless students are to be enrolled without any delay and, with or without necessary documentation provided.

As the Homeless Coordinator of this program my responsibilities include:

- * Ensuring the enrollment and success of homeless students;
- * Assist in the enrollment and with obtaining academic and medical records;
- * Make school placement decisions based on the best interest of the child and wishes of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth;
- * Inform parents, guardians, or unaccompanied homeless students of the educational and related opportunities available to them;
- * .Ensure that homeless students and their families have access to education services including Head Start, Even Start and other preschool programs administered by the District;

- * Ensure that referrals are made to health care, dental, and mental health and other appropriate services;
- * Ensure that homeless students are not isolated or stigmatized because of their status as homeless;
- * Handle homeless disputes and ensure that placement disputes are resolved in a timely manner;
- * Provide and arrange for transportation and inform parent, guardian, or unaccompanied homeless youth of the transportation services the school district must make available, as well as accessing transportation to and from school;
- * Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of homeless students in places where homeless students receive services.

As the Foster Care Liaison my job responsibilities include:

- * Assist foster care students in North Wood R-IV School District with placement and transportation to their school of origin, should such services be necessary
- * Coordinate with foster parents regarding transportation expense
- * Minimize or eliminate educational barriers
- * Providing students in foster care with a personal advocate in the school setting
- * Monitor and coordinate with the current foster home/placement and DFS regarding student performance and potential needs

Policy and Regulation 2760 Students in Foster Care outlines the specificity of the requirements.

As the Migrant/ELL (English Language Learner) Coordinator my job responsibilities include:

- * Survey at enrollment for the identification of all Migrant/ELL students regarding temporary/seasonal work in the school district
- * Gain information via a Family Interview
- * Notification made to the M/ELL Director at the state level
- * Request assistance from the M/ELL section at the state level, as needed
- * Contact and coordinate state testing for all ELL students with Susan Jadwin at R-80, as needed

Policy and Regulation 2270 outlines the requirements for identified Migrant students.

Policy and Regulation 6180 outlines the requirements for identified ELL students