

POLICY 5280

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH (EHCY)

The Kenosha Unified School District will implement the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* to ensure that homeless individuals and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) initially residing in the District are provided with equal access to the same free appropriate public education. This includes comparable service provided to other students and youth who reside in the district. Homeless children and youth shall have equal opportunities to meet state and district academic achievement standards and are free from discrimination, segregation, stigmatization and harassment.

Students qualifying under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* shall be placed in District schools in accordance with the legal requirements of the Act. The District's assignment of students to schools policy shall not be applied as long as the children or youth qualifies under the *McKinney-Vento Act*.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes

Section 118.13 [Student nondiscrimination]

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et. seq.) [School placement options for homeless children and youth]

Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. ss1 400 et. seq.)

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. ss6311-64515)

Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Civil Rights Act of 1991

CROSS REF.: 3280 Student Fees

3511 Transportation

3520 School Nutrition Programs

5110 Equal Educational Opportunities/Discrimination Complaint

5200 School Admissions

5250 Emancipated Minors

5310 Student Attendance

5320 School Attendance Areas

5330 Assignment of Students to Schools

5532 Immunizations

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: None

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The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction provides current information on each of the federal requirements under the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act (EHCY). The link to the EHCY homepage is <http://homeless.dpi.wi.gov/>.

Information specific to procedural guidance is found at http://homeless.dpi.wi.gov/hmls_guidance. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Identification for information on Definition and Identification
2. McKinney –Vento at a Glance for the Topic of Enrollment.
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Academic Achievement --Programs and Services
3. School Selection for School Placement
4. Transportation