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Enrollment, Transportation, School of Origin, and the Elimination Barriers for Children or Youth Experiencing Homelessness including Unaccompanied Youth

The Meade School District policy will:

1. Ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
2. Keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian.
3. Ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
4. Provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
 - a. Transportation services;
 - b. Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
 - c. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
 - d. Programs in vocational and technical education;
 - e. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
 - f. School nutrition programs

A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first present it orally and informally to the district homeless liaison. Thereafter, a written complaint must be filed in accordance with the District Complaint Procedure (see School Board Policy KL)

Legal References: Title 42 US Code: 11431 (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act)

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