

# POLICY

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POLICY TITLE: Education of Homeless Students	
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: February 03, 2010	
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: Students Amendments:	

\*Also included in the Student Services Handbook – Section "Attendance" and in the Calendar Handbook

Reference: McKinney-Vento Act, 42. U.S.C. 11432 (e) (3). Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Section 13A.05.09

## A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education provided to all students.

## B. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Queen Anne's County does not exclude any homeless student otherwise eligible to attend a public school in Queen Anne's County. It is also the policy of Queen Anne's County Public Schools to ensure the identification of homeless students, the implementation of policy, coordination of student services, data collections, and coordination with local agencies, staff training, and all other activities related to the implementation of this policy.

## C. Rationale

To ensure students in homeless situations receive all entitled educational services with as little disruption as possible.

## D. Definitions

1. McKinney-Vento Act means the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2001, 42 U.S. Code, Section 11431 *et seq.*
2. School of origin means the school that the student attended or was last enrolled before becoming homeless.
3. Homeless student means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate night time residence and who are otherwise eligible to receive educational services from Queen Anne's County Public Schools. This term includes:
  - a. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of

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- housing, economic hardship or a similar reason;
- b. Students who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- c. Students who are living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- d. Students who are abandoned in hospitals;
- e. Students who are awaiting foster care placement;
- f. Students who have a primary night time residence that is a private or public place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for a human being.
- g. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, buses, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- h. Migratory students (as defined by Section 1309 of the Elementary and
- i. Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this section because the children are living in circumstances described above.

### **E. Implementation**

The Superintendent shall develop Administrative Regulations to implement the "Education of Homeless Policy".