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Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

By constitutional mandate, educational services required by the State of Washington are made available to all eligible people within its borders. This policy addresses the educational needs of homeless students who are entitled to attend school in the Snohomish School District.

To the extent practical and as required by law, the district will work with homeless students, their families, and unaccompanied youth to provide stability in school attendance and to facilitate their receipt of appropriate services. Special attention will be given to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless students not currently attending school.

Homeless children will have access to the education and other services that such children and unaccompanied youths need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Specifically, homeless students will be provided those district services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and comparable preschool programs, Title I and similar state programs, special education, bilingual education, vocational and technical programs, gifted and talented programs, and school nutrition programs, on a comparable basis to those offered all students in the district. Procedures in the Snohomish School District have been developed to mitigate the potentially harmful effects of homelessness on children and unaccompanied youth. Barriers that may prevent the enrollment, attendance, and other school success of homeless students are addressed in these procedures, which are reviewed and revised as warranted. In the event of an enrollment dispute, the parties are directed to follow Procedure 3115P – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

The Superintendent shall designate an appropriate staff person to be the district’s liaison for homeless students, their families and unaccompanied youth.

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.225.215 Enrollment of children without legal residences  
20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq. No Child Left Behind Act  
42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11436 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Cross Reference:  3115P – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

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