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Saint Paul Public School Policy

503.01

503.01 ATTENDANCE: HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH

SERVICES

Homeless children and youth, as defined by federal law, shall be provided services comparable to those received by other students including transportation to and from their school of origin to the extent possible. The district shall designate a liaison for homeless children and youth who shall ensure that their rights are protected and they have the opportunity to reach the same high academic standards expected of all students.

ENROLLMENT

Immunizations, guardianship, residential status or other documentation shall not be barriers to immediate enrollment of homeless children and youth. Where appropriate, the enrolling school or office shall refer the parent or guardian to the district homeless liaison for assistance in obtaining appropriate documentation. The district homeless liaison shall also assist unaccompanied youth with placement/ enrollment choices.

PLACEMENT

To the extent feasible, homeless children and youth shall remain in their school of origin and transportation shall be provided. To the extent provided by federal law, homeless children and youth have the right to stay in their school of origin for the entire time they are homeless, unless a parent or guardian chooses otherwise.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes regarding the educational placement of a homeless child or youth shall be expeditiously addressed through the dispute resolution process mandated by the Minnesota Department of Education. Parents or guardians and unaccompanied youth shall be informed of the process and in the event of a dispute, the homeless child or youth must be immediately enrolled in the school of choice while the dispute is being resolved.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq. (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)

CROSS REFERENCES: