

## HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### SECTION I

The Jackson Public School District shall provide educational and supportive services to all homeless children and youth, in compliance with the guidelines of the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act*. The Board of Trustees of this district recognizes the right of all students residing within the district boundaries, including those who are homeless, to enroll in, and participate in the district's educational and support programs.

For the purpose of this program, the Mississippi Department of Education has adopted the definition of homelessness developed under the Education for Homeless

The term “school of origin” shall mean the school that the child or youth attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

## **SECTION II**

The choice regarding placement shall be made regardless of whether the child or youth is living with the homeless parents or has been temporarily placed elsewhere by the parents.

## **SECTION III**

Each homeless child shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students in the school selected according to provisions of Section I, including transportation services, educational services for which the child meets the eligibility criteria, such as compensatory educational programs for the disadvantaged, and educational programs for students with disabilities and for students with limited English proficiency; programs in vocational education; programs for the gifted and talented; and school meal programs.

## **SECTION IV**

Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs of each homeless child or youth shall be maintained:

- A. so that records are available, in a timely manner, when a child or youth enters a new school district, and
- B. in a manner consistent with Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act.

## **SECTION V**

The Jackson Public School District shall coordinate with local social service agencies, and other agencies or programs providing services to such children or youth and their families.

## **SECTION VI**

The superintendent or designee shall ensure the following:

- A. Homeless children and youth are enrolled and provided appropriate educational opportunities in the school of that agency.
- B. Homeless families, children and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, and referrals we2 12 Tf1 0 0 1 244.8590.-60.00000912 0 612 7(o)-3d r

C. State coordinators and local educational agency liaisons shall inform school personnel service providers and advocates working with homeless of the duties of the liaisons.

**SECTION VII**

The Jackson Public School District shall be governed by Mississippi state laws on providing services to homeless children and youth.

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