Upper West Shore School Dist. # 33 **R**

STUDENTS 3125

Education of Homeless Children or students placed in Foster Care

Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The District must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The District may not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain at the school of origin, or be eligible to attend another school in the district.

The Principal and Superintendent will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the Liaison will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records, and other documentation.

Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students, including but not limited to:

1. Transportation services;
2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
4. Programs in vocational and technical education;
5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
6. School nutrition program.

The Principal and Superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The Board will appoint a liaison for homeless children. 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. To further ensure that the District is removing barriers to the educational access and success of children and youths who are homeless, and to ensure that Title 1 funding is expended in an appropriate manner, the District has adopted the dispute resolution form at 3125F.

Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure
3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute Resolution

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§42 U.S.C. § 11301 *et seq* 11431, et seq.
McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
§ 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

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MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FORM

School District: Upper West Shore School Dist. # 33 Liaison: Carolyn O. Hall
Telephone :406-883-7262

Date of first contact by homeless individual, guardian, or representative _____

Homeless Student's Name _____

Describe the issue(s) in question _____
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School District Contact _____ Telephone _____
(Superintendent/Principal)
Date _____ (within 7 business days)
Resolution of Liaison/School District Level *(describe below)* ____ or
Forwarded to OPI Homeless Coordinator *[please contact at (406) 444-2036)* ____

Date _____ (within 15 business days)
Resolution to OPI Homeless Coordinator Level *(describe below)* ____ or
Forwarded to Superintendent of Public Instruction ____

Describe Resolution Results _____
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Homeless Coordinator Signature _____

This form must be filed with

Homeless Coordinator
Office of Public Instruction
Po Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501

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