Section 8000 – Students

8045 Homeless Children

The Board is committed to identifying and meeting the educational needs of

8045

homeless children and youth. The Superintendent shall develop guidelines and procedures

for identifying homeless children within the District and produce written guidelines for

distribution to each school that explains the rights of homeless students and the

responsibilities of the schools to meet their needs and eliminate barriers to school

attendance. This information shall also be disseminated in writing and by other means

designed to raise awareness of these rights and responsibilities to staff, homeless families

and students, the public, and homeless service providers.

Homeless children shall be provided with educational services to meet their needs

as determined and directed by the Superintendent and in compliance with state and federal

law.

Homeless children may attend the school which is in the best educational, social,

and emotional interest of the children.

The Superintendent shall waive fees and charges that may act as barriers and

prevent homeless children from enrolling in school and/or acquiring an appropriate

education.

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