

POLICY

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Responsible Office: OFFICE OF STUDENT AND SYSTEMIC SUPPORTS, DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

HOMELESS STUDENTS

A. PURPOSE

To ensure Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) fully implements the provisions of the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act* as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (McKinney-Vento)* concerning the education of homeless children and unaccompanied youth.

B. ISSUE

McKinney-Vento requires schools to ensure homeless children and unaccompanied youth, including preschool-aged children, have equal access to educational programs. To achieve compliance with *McKinney-Vento*, AACPS shall establish procedures that govern the identification, school registration, enrollment, coordination of services, transfer, and withdrawal of homeless students and unaccompanied youth.

C. POSITION

While receiving a free, public education, homeless students may not be segregated in a separate program within a school based on their status as homeless. Homeless students shall be educated as part of a regular academic program. AACPS shall work with homeless students and their families, as well as unaccompanied youth, to ensure full compliance with *McKinney-Vento* in order to promote enrollment, retention, and success in school.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted 04/07/10; Revised 09/17/25

Note Previous Policy History: None

Legal References: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987; McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015; Sections 2-205, 4-205, and 7-301 of the Education Article