



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HARDEE COUNTY

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To: District and School Staff
Subject: McKinney-Vento Act - Name of McKinney-Vento Liaison and Duties

School Board

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Dear District and School Staff:

Welcome back to another year. As many of you are aware, the McKinney-Vento Act for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth requires school districts to designate a local McKinney-Vento liaison to carry out the duties described in the Act and to inform school personnel of these duties. Our district's McKinney-Vento liaison and contact information is below:

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The duties of the liaison include ensuring that —

- (i) homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- (ii) homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that district;
- (iii) homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs), early intervention services under IDEA, and other preschool programs administered by the district;
- (iv) homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- (v) the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- (vi) public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;
- (vii) enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act; and
- (viii) the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services (the school the student attended when he became homeless or last school attended) and is assisted in accessing transportation to the selected school.

Last year, our district identified 403 McKinney-Vento students through the use of Student Residency Questionnaires and the efforts of District and school staff.

The liaison will be following up with you in the near future and providing technical assistance and training. The liaison will also provide your school with brochures and posters of the public notice of the educational rights of homeless students. These should be displayed in areas at your school where families and students may frequent such as the registrar's office, main office, etc.

If you need further information, please contact me.

Kitty Maddox

District Title I Resource Teacher/Student Liaison

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

“Empower and inspire all students for success”