

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Reference: 42 USC 11431 et. seq.

Children who meet the Federal definition of "homeless" will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the Academy and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. No homeless student will be denied enrollment based on a lack of proof of residency. No Board policy, Administrative Procedure, or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, or school success of homeless children.

Homeless students will be provided services comparable to other students in the Academy, including the following:

- A. transportation services;
- B. educational services for which the homeless student meets eligibility criteria including services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or similar State and local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency;
- C. programs in vocational and technical education;
- D. programs for gifted and talented students; and
- E. Academy nutrition programs.

The Board, at its annual organization meeting, will appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children to perform the duties as assigned. Additionally, the Liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth and with community and Academy personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youth.