GORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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HOMELESS REPORTING, DISTIRCT LIASON-Carmella McFarland

The homeless liaison shall work to ensure that homeless children and youth, including preschoolers are identified, enrolled in school, and receive all eligible services to facilitate student academic success. The responsibilities listed below are not all inclusive but shall be primary duties of the liaison.

The homeless liaison shall ensure that:

Homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;

Homeless students enroll in, and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in, the schools of the system;

Homeless children and youth, their families, and unaccompanied youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, and preschool programs administered by the school system, and referrals to health, mental health, dental and other appropriate services;

Parents or guardians of homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youth are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaning opportunities to participate in the education of their children;

Parents and guardians and unaccompanied youth are fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation services;

Transportation cost disputes between the school system and school system of enrollment are resolved;

Sensitivity and confidentiality training is provided to transportation and school personnel regarding the needs of homeless children and youth;

Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act;

Public notice of educational rights of homeless students is dismissed to locations where children and youth receive services under Act;

With the assistance of LEA personnel, implement procedures to ensure homeless children and youth receive appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school;

Ensure LEA School counselors to assist and advise homeless children and youth to improve college preparation and readiness;

Inform unaccompanied homeless youth regarding their independent status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

Required reports concerning the homeless education program are submitted to appropriate agencies and the State Department of Education; and

Evaluation of the homeless education program is conducted annually, and necessary program and implementation adjustments are made in a timely manner.

Please contact Ms. McFarland at 918-489-5587 or <u>murrayc@gorepublicschools.org</u> for reporting or more information.

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