



“McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program”

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

The Secretary issued guidelines for States related to requirements under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act), as amended December 2015 by the Every Student

Succeeds Act (ESSA). These guidelines address ways in which a State may (1) assist local educational agencies (LEAs) to implement the provisions related to homeless children and youths amended by the ESSA and (2) review and revise policies and procedures that may present barriers to the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youths in school. The guidance released to help states, districts, and local partners understand the new provisions with

recommendations for how educators can help, which took effect October 1, 2016.

To read on all the new changes go to <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/education-department-releases-guidance-homeless-children-and-youth> .

The other great change is to streamline homeless students access to financial aid for college. The students who indicate on the FAFSA that they're homeless will automatically have the option to select that they've already received an unaccompanied homeless youth determination. This automatically is

considered “independent” for the purposes of financial aid eligibility. The individual student won't need to provide their parent's financial information. The Department released a fact sheet to help homeless students navigate the FAFSA and help reduce and eliminate educational barriers for homeless children.

For more readings click on the following link: http://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/higher_ed.pdf



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