

 <p>SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>	<p>HOMELESS CHILDREN and YOUTH</p>	<p>D118.00 Revised July 2003 Page 1 of 1</p>
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POLICY

It is the policy of the Seattle School Board that Seattle Public Schools will provide a free, appropriate education to all eligible students who live within District boundaries, or who are otherwise eligible to attend Seattle Public Schools, including children and youth who are homeless. This means:

- Students who are homeless and are new to Seattle Public Schools may attend any available school that non-homeless students who live in the same attendance area can attend;
- Students who are homeless will not be segregated into certain schools or programs.
- Students who are homeless, or homeless students who move, may continue their education in their school of origin with transportation provided. If homeless students move out of the Seattle School District, transportation costs will be negotiated with the resident district.

To promote the rights of children and youth who are homeless, Seattle Public Schools shall:

- Immediately enroll homeless students based on the best interests of the student;
- Name a homeless liaison who can assist homeless students and their families with enrollment, access to services, and other issues or concerns unique to students who are homeless;
- Develop a dispute resolution process that is accessible to all parties; and
- Educate school staff and administrators about the rights of homeless students and families by posting information about the homeless assistance act and this policy in schools and administrative offices.

Reference: The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §11431, Title VII, Subtitle B), as amended by Title X of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

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