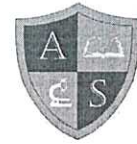


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## Homeless Liaison Duties

The Homeless Liaison shall offer the following services for homeless students:

- Identify homeless children and youths through outreach and coordinate activities with other local agencies;
- Ensure that homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- Ensure that homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible;
- Ensure that homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health, dental, mental health, and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- Inform parents or guardians of homeless children and youths of educational and related opportunities available to their children and provide parents or guardians with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- Disseminate information of the educational rights of homeless students in a manner and form that is understandable to the parents and guardians and/or unaccompanied youths;
- Mediate enrollment disputes in accordance with the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act;
- Inform parents and guardians and/or unaccompanied youths of available transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin and assist in accessing transportation services;
- Provide school personnel with professional development; and
- Ensure that unaccompanied youths are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youths, are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv), and their right to receive verification of this status from the local liaison.

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