

Welfare**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**

The Florida Department of Education requires that districts develop policies to remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth in schools. The Division of Student Services is committed to developing programs that assist students in being successful in the areas of academics, personal/social interactions, career/community awareness, and health and wellness development.

The Division of Student Services identifies and provides programs and services to homeless students, as well as assistance to schools with the identification, enrollment, and attendance of homeless students. To ensure that each homeless child has equal access to a free and appropriate public education, without being stigmatized or segregated, we provide the following, but not limited to:

- Homeless awareness and sensitivity activities for all students
- Transportation
- Counseling
- After-school tutorials
- School-based community support
- School supplies and educational materials
- Personal items i.e. uniforms, clothing, etc.

The Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, reauthorized by Congress in January 2002, establishes requirements for the education of homeless students and youth. Guidelines for providing services to homeless students are contained in the document, *The Homeless Children and Youth in Transition Policy and Procedures Manual*, which is incorporated herein by reference and is a part of this rule. These guidelines ensure the smooth transition and maintenance of students in their academic pursuit by allowing students to remain in their school of origin, accepting students who lack appropriate registration documentation, and providing access to the M-DCPS Nutrition Program (Free and Reduced Meals).

Specific Authority 1001.32; 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(25) 1001.43(10); 1003.01(12), F.S.:
Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: The Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) Title 42-The Public Health and Welfare Chapter 119-Homeless Assistance. U.S. Code; 1001.32; 1001.41(1),(2),(3); 1001.42(4),(8),(25); 1006.025; F.S.; Public Law 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482 (42 U.S. Code 11301 *et seq.*)

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