

EDUCATION OF ~~HOMELESS~~ STUDENTS WHO ARE HOMELESS

~~[School unit name]~~ The Cape Elizabeth School Department (CESD) recognizes its statutory obligation to provide a free public education to ~~homeless children and youth who are homeless~~. ~~Homeless Students who are homeless~~ will not be segregated or stigmatized on the basis of their homelessness. In cooperation with other school units, ~~[School unit name]~~ the CESD will provide ~~homeless students who are homeless~~ with suitable programs that assure equal access to education. Such education shall be provided according to the best interests of the ~~homeless student who is homeless~~, meaning that, to the extent feasible, the student's education shall continue in the school the student last attended before becoming homeless, unless doing so is contrary to the wishes of the student's parents or guardian.

~~[School unit name]~~ The CESD shall file with the Maine Department of Education, as part of its annual Title I Plan, a description of services that will be provided to ~~homeless children students who are homeless~~. The Superintendent will designate a liaison for ~~Homeless children and youth who are homeless~~ who will coordinate the ~~school unit's CESD's~~ services for ~~homeless students who are homeless~~. The liaison will be responsible for identifying and enrolling ~~homeless students who are homeless~~ so they receive the educational services for which they are eligible.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq. (The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)
20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 13-A, 261 and 5205
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