



# UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Professional Staff, Support Staff, Administration, Transportation Staff & Homeless/Foster Care Providers/Agencies

**FROM:** Mrs. Jean M. McCleary  
Superintendent, Homeless Liaison/ Foster Care Point of Contact

**DATE:** October 5, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY**  
**MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ACT**

The Union School District recognizes the multiplicity of challenges most homeless, displaced, and doubled-up families encounter, and understand our responsibility to resolve some of the issues they face. The District also realizes the availability of resources in any emergency may make the difference between success and failure in school. The attached memorandums are designed to help personnel access the services provided by the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement for all homeless students. Please disseminate the information to all concerned staff.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, now part of the Improving America's Schools Act (Public Law 103-382) and the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, guarantees a free and appropriate public education for homeless/displaced children and youth. BEC 42 U.S.C. & 11301 outlines procedures for deciding school placement, enrolling students, and determining fiscal responsibility. Federal and state laws make our accountability clear. With an estimated ninety homeless students currently attending Clarion County public schools, we must provide appropriate academic support and services. Please familiarize yourself and your staff, including counselors, nurses, teachers, secretaries, and others with the procedures in the attached memorandums.

- ◆ ADMISSION/TRANSFER POLICY FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
- ◆ TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
- ◆ UNIFORM ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS (If Applicable)
- ◆ FREE & REDUCED MEALS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
- ◆ HOMELESS IDENTIFICATION FORM
- ◆ EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR NON-HOMELESS STUDENTS

Contact Mrs. Jean McCleary, Homeless Liaison and Foster Care Point of Contact, with any questions or concerns you may have @ (814)-473-6311 x0, e-mail: [mcclaryjm@unionsd.net](mailto:mcclaryjm@unionsd.net)

