

**BOARD POLICY****DESCRIPTIVE CODE: JBC(1)****HOMELESS STUDENTS****DATE: APRIL 9, 2007**

To the extent practical and as required by federal law through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Murray County Schools' Board of Education will work with homeless children and youth and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. Special attention will be given to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths not currently attending school in a manner that will not stigmatize or segregate them on the basis of their status as homeless. Homeless students will be provided district services for which they are eligible, Title I, similar state programs, Exceptional Student Services (ESS), English Language Learners (ELL), vocational and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs and school nutrition programs.

Every homeless child is entitled equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other students. The District will assign and admit a child who is homeless to his/her school of origin if it is in the Murray County District regardless of residence or whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment.

The Superintendent will review and revise as necessary protocol and procedures that may be barriers for homeless children and youth. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the Superintendent will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records and other documentation.

The Superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children and youth.

A "homeless child" is defined as provided in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

**ADOPTED: April 9, 2007****Murray County Board of Education**