

<b>Armour School District</b>	<b>NEPN Code: JFB</b>
<b>Policy Manual</b>	

**Armour School District 21-1 District Policy on  
Enrollment, Transportation, School of Origin,  
and the Elimination of Barriers for Children or Youth  
Experiencing Homelessness including Unaccompanied Youth**

The Armour School District Policy is to:

- ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
- keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian.
- ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth. 3
- provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
  - Transportation services
  - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar state or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
  - Programs in vocational and technical education
  - Programs for gifted and talented students
  - School nutrition programs

Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child is entitled to equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other students . the district must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a district school regardless of residence and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The district may not require an out-of-district attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

The superintendent will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to enrollment of 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.

Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students, including but not limited to:

1. Transportation services;
2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (eg. Title 1);
3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
4. Programs in vocational and technical education;
5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
6. School nutrition program.

The superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children.

A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless assistance act.

Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first present it orally and informally to the district homeless liaison. Thereafter, a written complain must be filed in accordance with the District uniform complaint procedure.

Legal references: 42 USC 11431, et seq. McKinney homeless assistance act

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