

Attachment B

DISTRICT ASSURANCES

Required signatures include the school district superintendent in which funds will be utilized. The application will not be considered complete without all required signatures.

We the undersigned assure that:

1. The information included in the enclosed application is true and accurate.
2. The district will participate in all evaluation activities associated with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program.
3. Each homeless student will continue his/her education in the school of origin or in a school which is in the student's best interest.
4. In determining the best interests of the child or youth, for purposes of making a school assignment, the district shall consider parental requests regarding school selection.
5. The choice regarding placement shall be made regardless of whether the child or youth is living with the homeless parents or has been temporarily placed elsewhere by the parents.
6. Each homeless child shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students, including: transportation services; educational services for which the child meets the eligibility criteria such as compensatory educational programs for the disadvantaged; the educational programs for the handicapped and for students with Limited English Proficiency; programs in vocational education; programs for the gifted and talented; and school meal programs.
7. Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs of each homeless child or youth shall be maintained so that the records are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enters a new school district, per section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA.)
8. The district will coordinate with local social service agencies, and other agencies or programs providing services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.
9. The district will designate a Homeless Education Liaison to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled and succeed in school; that homeless families, children and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible; and that referrals are made to health care and dental services. The district liaison will notify school families of the district's Homeless Education Liaison's duties and responsibilities.
10. The district will review and revise any policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youth. Special consideration will be given to issues concerning transportation, requirements of immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records, or other documentation, and guardianship.

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District Assurance (continued)

11. The district will ensure that special attention will be given to enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths, who are not currently attending school.
12. The district will supplement and **not** supplant funds used before the award of the grant for purposes of providing services to homeless children and homeless youths.
13. The district will adopt policies and procedures that do not isolate or stigmatize homeless children and youth.
14. A representative from the district will attend a yearly PED's Funded Partners Meeting or other statewide conference or training as determined by the PED.
15. Section 723(b)(3) requires that LEAs seeking a subgrant for funds under the program provide an assurance that the LEA maintains its expenditures for public education from State and local funds from one year to the next. Thus, an LEA cannot reduce its own spending for public education and replace those funds with Federal funds. Specifically, an LEA's combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the LEA and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by the LEA for the preceding fiscal year must be no less than 90 percent of the combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year. (Section 723(b)(3)).
16. An assurance that the LEA meets the fiscal effort requirement;
17. An assurance that the LEA will use subgrant funds in compliance with section 722(g)(3) through (7) of the McKinney-Vento Act;
18. An assurance that the LEA will collect and promptly provide data requested by the Homeless Education State Coordinator pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 722(f); and
19. An assurance that the LEA will meet the requirements of section 722(g)(3) regarding LEA requirements.

District required signatures of assurances:

_____	_____
Superintendent	Date
_____	_____
Business Manager or Chief Financial Officer	Date
_____	_____
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaison	Date