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MCKINNEY – VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT - TITLE IX, Part A Guidelines

(42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.)

What procedures are in place to:

- Identify homeless students
 - LA Residency Questionnaire
- Code homeless students in district database
- Code students in SIS and HTS (Homeless Tracking System)
- Inform parents of services and rights under MV Homeless Education Act
- Settle disputes on homeless status, school selection or school of origin
 - Remain or enroll immediately in school pending resolution
 - Provide parent/guardian/youth with written explanation of decision including right to appeal and copy the local liaison
 - Refer parent/guardian/youth to local liaison for resolution
 - Refer parent/guardian/youth to state coordinator to appeal
- Assess needs of homeless student
 - Title IX, Part A Referral Form
- Document process and progress
 - Policies and procedures of program
 - Homeless Plan
 - Funding/Budgets
 - Individual student files



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Louisiana's Department of Education's homeless education *has*:

www.LouisianaBelieves.com website with Homeless Liaison Contact information, forms and requirements in the School Policy Library:

- Louisiana Residency (several Languages) and Referral Form <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-policy>
- BESE [BULLETIN 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators](#) Revised December 2015, [§341 Homeless Children and Youth](#) at <http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/28v115/28v115.doc>
- A Homeless Hotline: 225-219-2949, 844-533-4187, or e-mail Tasha.Anthony@la.gov
- Homeless Tracking System (HTS) – Database of students identified by LEAs as homeless used for tracking and to support federal reporting requirements

Important Resources

National Center for Homeless Education

<http://nche.ed.gov>

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

<http://www.naehcy.org/educational-resources/naehcy-publications>

Action Steps

- ✓ Follow LDOE guidelines
- ✓ Attend Training available through the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) at: <http://nche.ed.gov/web/group.php> . Webinars are live or taped for self-paced training.
- ✓ Posters should be visible at schools, LEAs, and community locations.
- ✓ Order Free Products for schools/district office. Review additional resources provided on the NCHE website <http://nche.ed.gov/products.php>
- ✓ NCHE Products and Publications <http://nche.ed.gov>
- ✓ Review frequently asked questions of the Education Rights of children and youth in Homeless situations http://www.naehcy.org/dl/naehcy_faq.pdf