

1 **Ovando School District #11**

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5 Education of Homeless Children

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7 Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the same
8 free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The District must
9 assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence and irrespective of
10 whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The District may
11 not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

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13 Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain at
14 the school of origin, or be eligible to attend another school in the district.

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16 The Board will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to enrollment of
17 homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the Board will consider issues
18 of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records, and other documentation.

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

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- 23 1. Transportation services;
- 24 2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
- 25 3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
- 26 4. Programs in vocational and technical education;
- 27 5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
- 28 6. School nutrition program.

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

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34 A “homeless individual” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

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36 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first
37 present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. Thereafter, a written complaint must be
38 filed in accordance with the District Uniform Complaint Procedure.

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40 Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure

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42 Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§42 U.S.C. § 11301 *et seq* 11431, *et seq*.

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McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

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§ 20-5-101, MCA

Admittance of child to school

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