

Hello Homeless Education Listserv Participants,

It has been brought to my attention that some local educational agencies (LEAs) have homeless education board policies (BPs) and/or administrative regulations (ARs) that are in direct conflict with the intention of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 11431. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act states that homeless children and youth have the right to immediately enroll in an LEA even if the child or youth is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.

Many LEAs use the California School Boards Association (CSBA) sample BPs and ARs. In the past, the CSBA had an AR 5111.13 that stated:

Homeless students living in the district shall be admitted to district schools upon presentation of any of the following:

- 1. Hotel or motel receipts*
- 2. A letter from a social service agency or homeless shelter verifying that the student lives within the district*
- 3. An affidavit from the parent/guardian stating that the family lives within the district*

Please review your BPs and ARs to ensure that they do not require such verification. It is my understanding that the CSBA has updated their Homeless Education BPs and ARs to remove this provision, so you may wish to begin to review your BPs and ARs. The CSBA's Web page is located at <https://www.csba.org/> for your convenience.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
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