

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
RECOMMENDATION ON
PROPOSED, REVISED, RENAMED BOARD POLICY
02-0006-000
EDUCATION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

March 10, 2025

Background Information:

The Board maintains a manual which sets forth the various policies of the Harford County Public Schools (“HCPS”). The manual contains policies which are either required by federal and state law and regulation or which are, in the Board’s judgment, necessary and appropriate for the school system to operate in a lawful, appropriate, and effective manner.

Discussion:

In May 2005, the Board adopted an Education of Homeless Students policy (the “Policy”), which was most recently amended in January 2025. This purpose of the Policy set forth the commitment to the education of students’ who experiencing homelessness in accordance with the federal law known as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the state law and regulations here known as Code of Maryland (“COMAR”). The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was originally codified at 42 United States Code § 11431 et seq. The statute was reauthorized in 2015, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title IX, Part A of Every Student Succeeds Act (“ESSA”); COMAR 13A.05.09, and any other pertinent law or regulation.

The principal purpose of the proposed changes to the Policy is to reflect the change in the law, rename the policy to align with MSDE regulation, define responsibilities in accordance with the law, and identify the proper statutes under which the education of students experiencing homelessness will be implemented in accordance with federal and state law and regulation. Moreover, the proposed Policy refers to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title IX, Part A, Code of Maryland (“COMAR”) 13.A.05.09, Title X, Part C, Subtitle B, of the No Child Left Behind Act, Education for Homeless Children and Youth and Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended through P.L., 114-95, enacted December 10, 2015, which align with current submission, processing, and production requirements under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The Board Policy Review Committee met and reviewed the proposed, revised and renamed Policy on February 19, 2025. No issues, concerns, or objections were raised at that time.

Attachments:

1. Current Board Policy 02-0006-000 entitled Education of Homeless Students.
2. Proposed, revised, renamed Board Policy 02-0006-000 entitled McKinney-Vento Education Program.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends that the Board review the proposed, revised policy entitled 02-0006-000 entitled McKinney-Vento Education Program Requests for approval at a subsequent Board meeting.