

# POLICY: ENROLLMENT OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires the immediate enrollment of students experiencing homelessness, even if the child or youth is unable to produce the records normally required for enrollment (such as previous academic records, records of immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, proof of guardianship, birth certificates, or other documentation), has missed application or enrollment deadlines during a period of homelessness, or has outstanding fees. J. Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA) will provide equal opportunity for students experiencing homelessness to attend by extending the application deadline if it was missed because the student, parent, or guardian experiencing homelessness did not receive written information mailed by the district, there are still enrollment slots available, or if the lottery has not already occurred.

If a dispute arises over eligibility or enrollment at JPTA, the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be referred to the school's liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of such dispute.

[42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(E)(iii)].

JPTA will not enroll a student experiencing homelessness if the school has exceeded its enrollment cap, but rather, will assist the family with finding another school in the local attendance area where the family is staying and will notify the LEA's homeless liaison for assistance in this effort.

**Legal Reference:** Grants for state and local activities for the education of homeless children and youths [42 U.S.C. § 11432]