



Midway Star Academy's (MSA) Homeless Students Policy

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Adopted:

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I. Purpose:

II. Policy Statement:

MSA Charter School is dedicated to supporting the educational needs and well-being of all students, including those who may be experiencing homelessness. This policy outlines the school's commitment to providing comprehensive assistance to homeless students to ensure they have equal access to education and a nurturing environment.

III. Identification and Support:

1. Identification Process: MSA Charter School will implement procedures to identify homeless students in a discreet and sensitive manner, respecting their privacy.
2. Designated Liaison: The school will appoint a designated liaison responsible for coordinating and ensuring the implementation of this policy.

IV. Transportation:

1. Transportation Assistance: Homeless students who have moved temporarily outside the school's attendance area will be provided with transportation to and from school, ensuring their continued access to education.
2. Transportation Coordination: The school will work in collaboration with local authorities and transportation providers to facilitate transportation arrangements.

V. Supplies and Materials:

- VI.** 1. School Supplies: Homeless students will be provided with necessary school supplies to support their academic success.

- VII.** 2. Technology Devices: MSA Charter School will furnish homeless students with technology devices such as laptops or tablets to enable their engagement in remote learning if applicable.

VIII. Internet Access:

1. Internet Connectivity: The school will facilitate INTERNET access for homeless students by providing devices with INTERNET capabilities, helping them stay connected to online resources.
2. Resources for Connectivity: The designated liaison will assist students and families in identifying available resources for free or affordable INTERNET connectivity.

IX. Additional Support:

1. Access to Resources: The designated liaison will connect homeless students and families with available community resources such as food assistance, housing support, and healthcare services.
2. Counseling Services: MSA Charter School will offer counseling services to provide emotional and academic support to homeless students, helping them cope with challenges and succeed in their studies.

X. Confidentiality:

1. Privacy and Dignity: The school will handle information related to homeless students with utmost confidentiality, ensuring their dignity and respecting their privacy.

XI. Compliance:

This policy is aligned with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and ensures that the rights of homeless students are upheld.

XII. Review and Revision:

- MSA Charter School's Homeless Students Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the latest regulations and best practices.
- By implementing this policy, MSA Charter School reaffirms its commitment to the education and well-being of all students, fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.