Sample District Policy on
Enrollment, Transportation, School of Origin,
and the Elimination of Barriers for Children or Youth
Experiencing Homelessness including Unaccompanied Youth

The __________________________ school district policy is to:

- ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.

- keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian.

- ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.

- provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
  - Transportation services.
  - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
  - Programs in vocational and technical education.
  - Programs for gifted and talented students.
  - School nutrition programs.