

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Homeless Outreach Program for Education (HOPE)

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MDUSD is committed to addressing barriers to educational success for homeless students and ensuring the educational success of all students in our District.

HOPE staff annually trains all school Principals and co-administrators, school psychologists and support staff, school registrars, and school secretaries to ensure compliance with Federal and State Law and to promote the educational success of homeless students.
Responsible Staff:
District Homeless Liaison
Social Work Specialist

HOPE staff ensures compliance with CA Education Code related to homeless students. Posters are up at all MDUSD schools in English and Spanish regarding the rights of homeless students.
HOPE staff attends meetings related to academic, social and emotional adjustment of homeless students (i.e. Coordinated Care Team Meetings, SSTs, IEPs, 504 Plan Meetings, Discipline Hearings, Attendance Hearings, Elementary Case Conferences, etc.). Family needs are identified and addressed in collaboration with family, school, district and community programs.

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HOPE staff work with homeless families in the community to reduce stressors and connect families with needed resources: i.e. housing resources, employment assistance, health care & health insurance, mental health services, and support.
Responsible Staff:
District Homeless Liaison
Social Work Specialist
HOPE Secretary
Child Welfare and Attendance Liaison
Family School Resource Worker

HOPE staff collaborates with the Contra Costa County of Education McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Programs and California Department of Education McKinney Vento Program to remain abreast of current legislation and best practices to serve homeless students and families.

Responsible Staff:
District Homeless Liaison
Director of Student Services

HOPE staff helps to provide transportation for homeless students to/from school. When possible, transportation is also provided to help families access needed services.

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The Administrator of School Linked Services makes determination of homeless status and guides school administrators regarding compliance with legislation. Families are provided with the opportunity to appeal decisions made by HOPE in accordance with NCLB, District Policy, and LEA Plan.

Contact:
James Wogan, District Homeless Liaison
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Appeals:
Asst. Superintendent of Pupil Services and Special Education

In accordance with the **McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act (2002)**, HOPE staff assist schools, homeless shelters, and families and students to enroll students in school; to remain in the school of origin for the duration of a school year; to obtain transportation to/from school, to obtain needed nutrition & free meals at school, and to have access to the same programs and opportunities available to all students, and to ensure that education is provided in the least restrictive environment.

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