



Duties of District Homeless Liaison

Maine Arts Academy enrolls and provides services for homeless and are required to have a District Homeless Liaison.

Maine Arts Academy's Homeless Liaison is Heather King. She may be reached by email at hking@maineartsacademy.org, or by phone at 207-618-8908.

If you need assistance, please contact our Homeless Liaison listed above. The district liaison must make sure that:

- Children and youths that are homeless are identified by school personnel and through coordinating activities with other entities and agencies;
- Children and youths that are homeless are enrolled in school and have a full and equal opportunity to do succeed in school;
- Homeless families, children and youth have access to and receive educational services they are eligible for, including Head Start (including Early Head Start programs) and other preschool programs administered by the school district; and referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, and other appropriate services;
- The parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the education of their children;

- Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youth is distributed to locations where parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths often go, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens.
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with law:
- The parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth that is homeless, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school the child or youth that is homeless will be attending.
- Unaccompanied youths (youths that do not live with a parent or guardian) are assisted in placement or enrollment decisions and provided notice of right to appeal.