

Question for Parents to ask at School

- Is transportation available for my child to stay in the same school? **Yes**
- If we have to change schools, can someone help us transfer records quickly? **Yes**
- Is there a preschool program: **Yes**
- Are any tutoring services available for my child? **Yes**
- If my child needs special education services, how long is the wait for testing? (**90 days after approve**)
- Are there special classes to benefit a talent my child has? **Yes**
- Are there sports, music, or other activities my child can be a part of? **Yes**
- Can my child receive free meals at school? **Yes**
- Are school supplies available? **Yes**
- Will my child be able to go on class field trips if we are unable to pay? **Yes**



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What You Need to Know to Help Your Child Do Well in School



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Definition of Homeless Children and Youth

The term "Homeless children and youth"
Means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motel, hotel, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodation; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children (as such is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii)



- From the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 Title VII, Subtitle B Section 725 as Modified by Title X, Part C of the NCLB Act of 2001

What are the Educational Rights of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness?

- Continue in the same school they last attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is the parent's or youth's choice and is feasible. If a staff member of a school sends the child or youth to a school other than the one requested, the staff member must provide a written explanation and offer the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before the family or youth became homeless of the school they last attended, if the parent or youth request school transportation.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of choice even while the school and parent or youth seek to resolve a dispute over the selected school. (The school district local liaison for homeless education will assist youth with the dispute process.)
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children or youth served in these programs.

What Homeless Children need most of all is a home. While they are experiencing homelessness, however, children desperately need to remain in school. School is one of the few stable, secure places in the lives of homeless children and youth, a place where they can acquire the skills need to help them escape poverty.

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