

## Equal Educational Opportunities

It is the policy of the Boaz City School System that no student be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity, on the basis of sex, race, age, disability, religion, belief, national origin or color in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and other designated youth groups. Pursuant to the requirements of No Child Left Behind and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, all homeless, migratory, immigrant, limited English proficient children and students in foster care must have equal access to the same free appropriate public education provided to all children and youth. All programs offered by schools within the school system shall be open to all students in compliance with statutory and judicial requirements. The enrollment of homeless, migratory, immigrant, limited English proficient and foster care children shall not be denied due to any of the following barriers: lack of birth certificate, lack of school records or transcripts, lack of immunization records, lack of proof of residency, lack of transportation, unaccompanied: no guardian and lack of social security number.

For information regarding the compliance of this statement you may the contact central office at the following number: (256) 593-8180.

## **Education for Homeless Children and Youth Boaz City Board of Education 256-593-8180**

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## Reasons for Homelessness

**Unemployment**

**Lack of affordable housing Housing**

**Crisis or Tragedy**

**Deep poverty**

**Health Problems**

**Domestic Violence**

**Physical or Sexual Abuse**

**Parent Substance Abuse**

**Neglect**

## Services for Homeless Children

**School Supplies**

**Clothing**

**School Fee Relief**

**Tutoring/Mentoring**

**Community Support Information**

## The McKinney-Vento Act

**The McKinney-Vento Act states that homeless children and youth must have access to the same educational services provided to other students.**

**Homeless children and youth (twenty-one (21) years of age and younger) lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. Homeless includes children and youth who:**

- Are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled up);
- Are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Are living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Are abandoned in hospitals;
- Are awaiting foster care;
- Have a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
- Are migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.



## **Identification of Possible Homeless Situations**

### **Appearance**

Inappropriate or Inadequate Clothing  
Poor Hygiene  
Signs of Malnutrition

### **Attendance**

Frequent Absenteeism  
Attend Although Sick  
Frequent Tardiness

### **Behavior**

Noticeable difference in behavior pattern  
Noticeable difference in behavior  
with other students  
Withdrawal from peers  
Change in interactions with others

### **Materials**

Lacking basic materials  
and supplies  
Behind in paying fees  
ie. locker, lunchroom

## **Homeless Scenarios**

- ***An Unaccompanied Youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian***
- ***A family moves in with another family because their home has been lost***
- ***A family lives in inadequate housing accommodations***
  - ***Runaways***
- ***A pregnant girl who has been thrown out of the home or who lives in a home for unwed mothers***

