

Resources for Families

Housing

- Canton Housing Authority
770.479.4979
- Cherokee County Department of Family & Children's Services
770.720.3629
- Good Neighbor Shelter—770.607.0610
- MUST Ministries—770.479.5397
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Atlanta Regional Office
404.331.5136

Community Agencies

- Cherokee County Service League
770.704.5991
- Cherokee Family Violence Center
770.479.1804
- Cherokee FOCUS
770.345.5483
- North Georgia Community Action
770.345.6531
- SERV International
770-516-1108
- United Way Helpline—211

Health

- Bethesda Community Clinic
678.880.9654
- Cherokee County Department of Public Health—770.345.7371
- Georgia Highlands Medical Service
770.887.1668

Food Donations

- Encompass Ministries—770.591.4730
- Never Alone —470.302.4055
- Timothy's Cupboard—770.928.2812

The Cherokee County School District does not endorse or recommend any of the above agencies. This list is for informational purposes only.

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Homeless Education Program

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Cherokee County
School District

Homeless Children & Youth Education Program



Office of School Operations

Student Services

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Educating the Emerging Generation

How is homelessness defined?

Individuals whose nighttime residence is NOT:

- Fixed, stationary, permanent and not subject to change.
- Regularly used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis.
- Adequately sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

This could include:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus stations, train stations or similar settings;
- Living in 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;
- Migratory – who qualify as homeless living in circumstances described above.

What services are available for students experiencing homelessness?

- National School Lunch Program.
- Transportation for student(s) to remain in their school of origin.
- Education services for which the students meets the eligibility criteria including, but not limited to Title I, programs for students with disabilities, programs for students with limited English proficiency and Talented and Gifted programs.
- Programs in Career, Technical and Agricultural education.
- After-school programs at some school sites.
- Help obtaining an instrument for orchestra or band.
- Assistance with extracurricular activity fees or equipment requirements.
- Providing access to technology.

How do I request an evaluation/ determination of my child's situation?

If you believe your family is experiencing homelessness, please contact your student's counselor or school social worker.

Appeal Process

Any dispute regarding providing a public education to a child designated as homeless will be presented to the school principal to be resolved. If the matter is not resolved at that level, the dispute shall be brought to the Superintendent or designee who will resolve the matter. If the matter is not resolved at this level, the dispute shall be brought to the Board of Education. In the event the dispute cannot be resolved locally, the parent/guardian may request a review of the dispute by the Georgia Department of Education.

Enrollment of Homeless Students

Any person, including unaccompanied youth, considered homeless within the zone of the school shall be accepted immediately into and registered as a student by the school.

Students who become homeless shall be enrolled in zoned school or school of origin, based on the best interest of the children. If a student does not have the required documents (birth certificate and certificate of immunization) school personnel will assist the family in getting those documents but the student will be allowed to enroll.

The lack of a permanent address will not stop school enrollment. The address of a shelter or temporary residence can be used by the student/ parent/guardian for enrollment.

Verification of homeless status must be evaluated every school year.