

Title: Homeless Children and Youth

The Board of Directors shall make reasonable efforts to:

- 1) Identify homeless children and youth within the District.  
“Homeless children and youth” mean children or youth ages 3 through 21 years of age who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This definition includes:
  - Children or youth who are sharing the housing of others (includes doubled-up families) due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transition shelters; are abandoned in hospitals;
  - Children or 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 or youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings;
  - Migratory children or youth who qualify as homeless because the children or youth are living in circumstances described above, or
  - Youth who have run away or youth being forced to leave home.
- 2) Encourage their enrollment.
- 3) Eliminate existing barriers to their receiving education which may exist in District policies or practices.

Cross References:

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Legal References:

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