Definition

Children & youth who lack a fixed, regular, & adequate residence including:

* Temporarily “doubled-up” with relatives or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
* Living in motels, hotels, or campgrounds, due to the lack of alternative accommodations
* Abandoned in hospitals
* Living in emergency or transitional shelters
* Awaiting foster care placement
* Runaway youth
* Children or youth not residing with their legal parent or guardian.

(McKinney-Vento Homeless Act of 2001)
If you have any questions about education and related services, Title I, special education, or instructional services, please contact Julie Harris, the homeless coordinator. She can be reached at 816-776-6912.

Q: What is considered homelessness?
A: A student is considered homeless if they are living in a transient, temporary, or abusive situation.

Q: Are children considered homeless?
A: Yes, children are considered homeless if they live in a situation that is inconsistent with their age and needs.

Q: Who is considered a homeless student?
A: A homeless student is a student who lacks a permanent or fixed night-time residence.

Q: How long can a child be considered homeless?
A: A child can be considered homeless until they are placed in a permanent residence.

Q: Are the homeless students entitled to any special accommodation?
A: Yes, homeless students are entitled to special accommodations, including transportation, meal assistance, and educational support.

Q: Are there any available education supports for homeless children?
A: Yes, there are available educational supports for homeless children, including tutoring, counseling, and academic interventions.

Q: Are there any available services for families living in homelessness?
A: Yes, there are available services for families living in homelessness, including counseling, housing assistance, and financial support.

Rights

Educational

Service & Supports

Available

Transportation

Free/Reduced Meals

Community Agencies

Backpack Program

After School Programs

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