

# Wish List

If you would like to make donations to help in providing for our students in "Transition", please consider the following needs and contact the Homeless Education office.

- School supplies
- New Backpacks
- New shoes
- New socks
- New underwear
- Snack foods



Can you pick the child that is "Homeless"?

Taylor County School District  
Homeless Education Program

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**TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT HOMELESS  
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

*Providing Support for  
Children in Transition*

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# Who is In-Transition (homeless)?

According to the federal McKinney-Vento Act of 1987, a family is considered in-transition (or homeless) if they and their children **lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence-**

- Sharing the housing of other's **due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.** – temporarily
- Living in motels, hotels, temporary travel trailers, parks, and camp grounds **due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations.**
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in a public or private place not designed for humans to live
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, etc

## Rights of Children and Youth “In-Transition” (homeless):

Children and youth “in-transition” (homeless) have the following educational rights as outlined under the McKinney-Vento Act (1987)

- Immediate school enrollment and attendance, even without birth records, school records, immunization, and/or health physical (F.S. 1003.22)
- Remain at their school of origin or enroll in their neighborhood school for the duration of the current academic school year.
- Transportation to and from school.
- Receive free breakfast and lunch for the remainder of the school year.
- Help for prompt resolutions about school placement including special education, bilingual education, gifted and remedial programs.

## What other support services can my child receive?

In addition too services required under the McKinney Vento Act, your child may be able to receive the following services through the Taylor County Homeless Education Program;

- Free school supplies and backpacks.
- Academic services including tutoring and advocacy.
- Referrals to community resources.
- Assistance in obtaining school records, immunizations, and school physicals.

## How do I get more information or Help?

The school district has designated a District Homeless Education Liaison that can assist you and your child with resources and needs that are geared to help your child be successful at school.



# The Taylor County Homeless Education

## Program Goals

- Identify and assist children and youth “in-transition” (homeless) to immediately enroll in school.
- Assist “in-transition” (homeless) children and youth to identify and eliminate barriers to school enrollment, and attendance.
- Provide the educational support needed to our children and youth who are “in-transition” (homeless), allowing them the opportunity to be academically successful and participate fully in all aspects of their education.

