

Homeless Children and Youth Have the Right to a Free, Appropriate Public Education

Who is homeless?

Anyone who, due to a lack of housing, lives:

In emergency or transitional shelters

- In motels, hotels, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in hospitals, or awaiting foster care
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends
- Migratory children living in these conditions

Where can homeless children and youth attend school?

- The school the child attended before becoming homeless or was last enrolled in (school or origin)
- The school in the attendance area where the child or youth is temporarily living

How can delays be avoided when enrolling a homeless child or youth in school?

- Homeless children must be enrolled immediately.
- If school records are unavailable, ask that the records be sent electronically or shared over the phone.
- Ask that a student's immunization records be transferred over the phone from the sending school to the receiving school.
- Contact your school district, principal, counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns.

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