

Homeless Students

The District shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students without segregation or stigmatization.

A student may be considered homeless if he/she is living:

1. in a shelter
2. in a motel/hotel
3. in a house with more than one family due to economic hardship or loss
4. in an abandoned building
5. in a car
6. at a campground
7. on the street
8. in temporary foster care with an adult other than a parent or guardian
9. in substandard housing
10. with friends or family because of being a runaway or unaccompanied youth.

Enrollment

Homeless youth have the right to immediate enrollment in their school of origin or school where they are currently residing without: proof of residency, immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results, school records, or legal guardianship papers. They automatically qualify for nutrition programs, and transportation services.

Placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation. In determining a student's best interest, a homeless student shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in his/her school of origin (the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled) or to the school in the attendance area where he/she is currently living unless his/her parent/guardian requests otherwise. The student may continue attending his/her school of origin for the duration of the homelessness and until the end of any academic year in which he/she moves into permanent housing.

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a particular school, the student shall be immediately admitted to the school of origin (the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled) or to the school in the attendance area where he/she is currently living. The parent/guardian shall be provided with a written explanation of the placement decision, including an explanation of the parent/guardian's right to appeal the decision and will be referred to the **District homeless liaison that can be reached at the District Office at 562-907-5935.**