

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Introduction

The Chrysalis Executive Board desires to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students at Chrysalis. The school shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for them to meet the same standards as other students. Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way.

Definitions

Homeless students means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, camping grounds or other temporary housing due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement,
2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings,
3. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings,
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in conditions described in items #1-3 above,
5. Unaccompanied youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

District Liaison

The Administrator shall serve as the district liaison for homeless students. The liaison for homeless students shall:

1. Ensure that homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordinated activities with other entities and agencies,
2. Ensure that homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed at Chrysalis,
3. Ensure that homeless families and students receive educational services for which they are eligible,

4. Inform parents/guardians of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and ensure that they are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children,
5. Fully inform parents/guardians of all transportation services.

Enrollment

Chrysalis shall not discriminate against homeless students when considering admission to Chrysalis. The student shall be enrolled even if he/she:

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended,
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school,
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records and medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history. School staff will assist the family in procuring these documents.