



Homeless Assistance Program
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Community & Student Affairs

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If you have reason to believe a student and/or family lives in any of the following situations:

- Shelter (ex: The Bridge, Mel Trotter, Safe Haven, etc)
- Doubled up w/another family
- Car, park, abandoned building, bus or train
- Motel
- Transitional housing (ex: Dwelling Place)
- Foster care or awaiting foster care (ex: DA Blodgett/Kid's First)

...the student and/or family may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federally funded McKinney-Vento Act, such as:

- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents such as birth certificate, proof of residency & immunizations.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin or area school. Methods include bussing, taxi or gas cards.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the child's needs.
- Clothing such as uniforms, undergarments, seasonal wear (coats, mittens, hats, boots), footwear, pajama's, non-uniform clothing, etc.
- School supplies like backpacks, pens/pencils, notebooks, folders, etc.
- Tutoring or after school programs such as LOOP.
- Fees can be waived for things like graduation gown/cap, athletics, immunization shots, etc.

If you suspect your student to be in any of the above situations, please contact or refer the family to the Homeless Program (contact information above) so that they can be provided the resources needed for a barrier free education.



Principals, Secretaries, Social Workers and other school personnel: Please watch for signs of homelessness such as:

- Poor hygiene
- Transportation, attendance/tardiness problems
- Wearing the same clothes repeatedly
- Fatigue/distractibility, social and/or behavioral concerns
- Poor health/nutrition

You can help by: Donating new and/or gently used clothing, school supplies, toiletries & undergarments such as tee shirts, socks & underwear
