

West Central School District
CHILDREN OR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

As defined by McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2002, Subtitle B of Title VII, Section 725 and herewith adopted. The term “homeless children and youths”

- means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
- includes
 - Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds 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;
 - children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
 - children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children (as such is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (1) through (3).

The West Central School District policy is to:

- Ensure the immediate provisional enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
- Keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child’s parent or guardian subject to state laws on residency and enrollment.
- Ensure the elimination of stigmatization of segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
- Provided children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services to other students in the school including the following:
 - Transportation services.
 - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the IDEA or similar state or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
 - Programs in vocational and technical education.

- Programs for gifted and talented students.
- School nutrition programs.

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