



# Rights

*Students in Homeless Situations Have the Right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education*

Children and youth in homeless situations have the right to:

- Stay in their school-of-origin; which is the school attended when last permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled
- Enroll in any school which non-homeless students living in the attendance area are eligible to attend
- Enroll in a new school without immunization, proof of residential status, school records, proof of guardianship or other documents
- Receive transportation services to their school of origin, to the extent feasible
- Receive services (including transportation, preschool, meals, special education) comparable to those provided to other students
- Have their enrollment disputes expeditiously addressed by the homeless liaison and have the right to attend school during the dispute process



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This brochure is a product of Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant. For additional information regarding the laws and policies governing the education of homeless children and youth, you may contact:

### Coordinator of Homeless Education

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# CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## Children & Youth in Transition ?

Clayton County Public Schools recognizes that children & youth in transition are homeless children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes preschool children and unaccompanied youth for any student who is:

- Living with friends or relatives or someone else because they lost their home or can't afford a home because of economic hardship
- Living in motels or hotels due to lack of alternative adequate housing
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter or a domestic violence shelter
- Living in a car, public place, abandoned building, bus or on the street
- Living in a public or private setting not ordinarily used in regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.

## Responsibilities

### Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

It is the responsibility of Clayton County Public Schools to provide activities and services to homeless children and youth that enable them to enroll in, attend and succeed in school.

Clayton County Public Schools will provide immediate enrollment of homeless children and youth. Additional service will be provided to eligible children and youth who need assistance.

Clayton County Public Schools is committed to minimizing the effects of mobility for homeless students. The school system will work with guardians to provide services that assist in maintaining a stable educational environment. All efforts will be based on providing services in the best interest of the child for inclusion and success.



## Resources

The Clayton County Public Schools designated School Social Worker or Homeless Liaison can assist with:

- Resolving disputes regarding enrollment
- Obtaining school records including immunization records
- Referrals to medical, dental, and mental health services
- Transportation to and from school
- Additional services such as:
  - School supplies and uniforms
  - Free and Reduced Meals
  - Waiver of school related fees
  - After school and summer enrichment programs
  - Enrollment in supplemental instruction and other education-related programs

### *If you need help contact:*

**Your Designated  
School Social Worker**

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**or the Homeless Liaison  
(770) 473-3250**