

# Who is a Homeless Student?

**Students are considered Homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.**

*This may include:*

- Sharing housing with another person due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, camp ground, street, cars, abandoned buildings or other public spaces
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Transitional housing
- Unaccompanied youth, youth not in the care of a parent or guardian
- Children of migratory workers living in any of the circumstances described above.
- Living in a public or private place not designated for or normally used for sleeping such as cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing including no water or electricity, etc.
- Who are living in migratory/living in above circumstances



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## **Department of Student Services** **Office of Pupil Personnel**

All Anne Arundel County Public Schools Homeless Education Services are provided in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Improvement Act of 2001 National Center for Homeless Education. State Homeless Coordinator - 410-767-0514.

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# Homeless Children & Youth

in Anne Arundel County  
Public Schools



## *Know Your...*

- *Rights*
- *Responsibilities*
- *Available Resources*

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## Where will my child go to school?

**As a homeless parent you have the right to decide whether your child should:**

- Stay in the same school your child attended before becoming homeless (school of origin).

**or...**

- Transfer to the school closest to your current location.

The student can stay in the chosen school for as long as the student is homeless, or until the end of the school year, if the student becomes permanently housed.

It is up to the parent to decide which school is in the child's best interest. The decision should take into consideration factors such as:

- Special needs of the child
- Continuity of instruction
- Length of stay in your current location
- Time and distance to transport your child to and from school.

## How will my child get to school?

Anne Arundel County Public Schools will provide transportation for homeless children and youth who choose to attend their school of origin, or to the school in the neighborhood where they reside, unless the school is within the defined walking area.

To obtain transportation you should ask the Pupil Personnel Worker at the school. There is a form you can fill out to request transportation. Transportation arrangements may change if you move to a temporary address or when you become permanently housed.



## What do I need to enroll my child in school?

Homeless children and youth have the right to be enrolled in school without delay. If records such as birth certificate, immunization or school records are unavailable, your child will still be enrolled.

## What resources are available?

The Pupil Personnel Worker and Homeless Liaison at the school or the Homeless Coordinator at the Board of Education can help. We can assist you in the following areas:

- Obtaining school records
- Obtaining required immunizations
- Supplying school materials
- Obtaining transportation
- School meal programs
- Waiver of school fees
- Accessing additional services such as special education and gifted and talented programs
- Providing referrals to other agencies that can help with food, clothing and medical assistance.

## Appeal Process

A parent may appeal decisions regarding their child's education. You may appeal decisions regarding school enrollment, transportation or waiver of fees. Appeals must be made in writing using the Appeal Form to the Homeless Education Liaison. If you have questions call Homeless Coordinator at 410-266-3348.