

Does my Child have the same rights as other school Children?

Your Child has the same rights to school programs and services as all children, including:

- School Breakfast & Lunch
- Before/After School Programs
- Preschool Programs
- Transportation
- Special Education
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Career & Technology Education

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Who can I call if I have questions?

Call your Local District's Homeless Education Coordinator:

- ALLEGANY (301) 759-2064
- ANNE ARUNDEL (410) 518-9872
- BALTIMORE CITY (410) 443 642-2425
- BALTIMORE (410) 887-6485
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- KENT (410) 810-3170
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- PRINCE GEORGE'S (301) 925-2482
- QUEEN ANNE'S (410) 758-2403 ext. 154
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Know Your Rights

Facts About Education For Homeless Children & Youth



Tel: (410)767.0945

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If I am homeless, where will my child go to school?

As a homeless parent, you have the right to decide, along with your child's school, whether it is in the best interest of your child to:



Stay in the same school he or she attended before you became homeless (this is the "school of origin"); or Transfer to the school that is closest to your new location.

To the extent that is feasible, the Local School System will enroll your child in either school.

What is in the "best interest" for my child; to stay in the same school or change schools?

The decision about your child's school enrollment will take into consideration factors such as:

Special needs for your child

Continuity of instruction

Length of stay in your new location

Time and distance to transport your child to and from school

If you have concerns about the school your child will attend, call the telephone number on the back of this brochure and ask for the Homeless Education Coordinator.

If I am homeless, what documents do I need to enroll my child in school?

- School Records
- Birth Certificate
- Immunizations

If you do not have these documents, your child cannot be denied entry into school. The school must help you obtain any necessary documents for enrollment.

Can my child ride the school bus?

Your child's school should help you get transportation for your child.

You cannot be denied access to the school that is in the best interest for your child because of lack of transportation.



"... the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public pre-school education, provided to other children and youth"

-Stewart B. McKinney

Homeless Assistance Act

