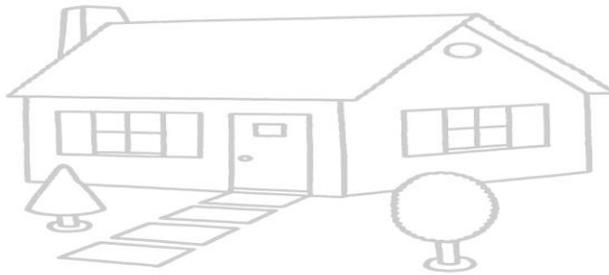


### If I am homeless, where will my child go to school?

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 (referred to as the "school of origin") or;
- Transfer to the school that is closest to your new location

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### Can my child ride the school bus?

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

In addition to transportation services, the homeless student has the same right as all children to access programs such as:

- School Meals
- Before and After School Programs
- Preschool Programs
- Special Education
- Magnet Programs

### What is in the "best interest" for my child; to stay in the same school or to 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 questions about the school your child will attend, refer to the contact numbers listed on the next page.

### 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.

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## *Who can I call if I have questions?*

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### **A Pupil Personnel Worker can:**

- Guide you through the Homeless Affidavit process and enrollment
- Answer questions regarding education and the McKinney-Vento Act
- Provide valuable resources for the homeless student and the homeless family.

**Call or visit the office that services the area closest to you.**

Aberdeen Office - Michelle Kozak  
410-273-5514

Magnolia Office - Vicki Antal  
410-612-1531

Alternative Education Program - Johanna DeLuigi  
410-273-5514

North Harford Office - Heather Canepa-Bowlin  
410-638-3662

Bel Air Office - Robin Walker  
410-638-4143

Patterson Mill Office - Pamela Smith  
410-638-4215

Edgewood Office - Craig Malone - Lisa Sauer-  
410-612-1521

Southampton Office - Maureen Baxter  
410-638-4153

Fallston Office - Gregory Smith  
410-638-4124

Havre de Grace Office - Mariah Bachman  
410-939-6612



**TO REACH THE  
SUPERVISOR OF STUDENT  
SERVICES, PLEASE CALL:**

**410-588-5282**