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

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.
Who can I call if I have questions?

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

Alternative Education Program - Johanna DeLuigi
410-273-5514

Bel Air Office - Robin Walker
410-638-4143

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

Fallston Office - Gregory Smith
410-638-4124

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

Magnolia Office - Vicki Antal
410-612-1531

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

Patterson Mill Office - Pamela Smith
410-638-4215

Southampton Office - Maureen Baxter
410-638-4153

To reach the supervisor of Student Services, please call:
410-588-5282