

Williamson County Board of Education



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HOMELESS STUDENTS

1 In order to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free appropriate public
2 education as provided to other students, the following shall apply:

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4 Homeless students are individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and
5 include the following:
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8 1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic
9 hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
10 due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or
11 transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.
12 2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not
13 designated for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
14 3. Students are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard
15 housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
16 4. Migratory students who meet one of the above described circumstances.
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18 **ENROLLMENT / PLACEMENT**

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21 The district, with parental involvement, will consider the best interests of the student. To the extent
22 feasible, and in accordance with the student's best interest, the student should continue his/her
23 education in the school of origin, except when contrary to the wishes of the parent or guardian. If
24 the student is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, the homeless coordinator will consider the
25 views of the student in deciding where the student shall be educated in accordance with the law.
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27 **SERVICES**

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29 Each homeless student shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students
30 in the district including, but not limited to, transportation services; educational services for which the
31 student meets eligibility criteria, such as educational programs for disadvantaged students,
32 students with disabilities and gifted and talented students; vocational programs and technical
33 education; school meals programs; preschool programs; before- and after-school care programs
34 and programs for student with limited English proficiency.
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41 Refer to Procedures
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47 Legal Reference:

48 McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Improvements
49 Act of 2001 Subtitle B §§ 721-725
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