

Frederick County Public Schools Facts About Education for Homeless Children and Youth



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 school system will enroll your child in either school.

Does my child have the same rights to school programs and services as all children?

Your child has the same rights as other students to services such as:

- ◆ School breakfast & lunch
- ◆ Before and after school programs
- ◆ Preschool programs
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Special education
- ◆ Gifted and talented programs
- ◆ Career & technology education

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 301-644-5238 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's in the best interest for your child because of lack of transportation.



Who can I call if I have questions?

Frederick County Department of Social Services: 301-694-4555

Frederick County Public Schools
301-644-5238 Ask for
Homeless Education Coordinator

Maryland State Department of Education
410-767-0293 Ask for
Homeless Coordinator

Linganore High School
240-566-9431 Ask for
Mr. Lewis, Homeless Coordinator