



Families In Transition Program

Seminole County Public Schools

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Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless children and youth encounter many barriers to enrollment and school success including:

- Lack of transportation
- Lack of immunization and medical records
- Lack of school records
- State guardianship/residency requirements not uniformly interpreted by schools
- Lack of birth certificates
- Attendance policies
- Secondary school credit accrual
- Frequent mobility
- Lack of staff awareness and sensitivity
- Inability to complete school assignments
- Lack of psychological services
- Poor health and inadequate medical care
- Physical needs — food, clothing, shelter, health care
- Access to special programs and services

What are Schools Required to do?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act outlines requirements for schools:

- Schools must keep children in the school of origin (the school that the child or youth attended when permanently housed or last enrolled) to the extent feasible, except where contrary to the wishes of the parent or guardian. The child or youth's right to attend their school or origin extends to the entire duration of homelessness or end of school year.
- Schools must remove any barriers that contribute to exclusion or enrollment delay. This means schools are required to immediately enroll children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Each school district must identify a Homeless Education Liaison.
- Each school must post public notice of educational rights and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Schools must ensure enrollment with full and equal opportunity to success in school (e.g., Head Start, Even Start, preschool, health care, dental, mental health, etc.).

Every Child Has the Right to an Education

The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Education Assistance Act, otherwise known as Title X Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and state law protect the rights of homeless children and youth to receive a free and appropriate public education. Nearly everyone who is between the ages of 5 and 21 on September 1 of the school year and has not been expelled has the right to attend school, even if they:

- Lack fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence
- Share housing (due to loss or hardship)
- Live in hotels, motels, trailer homes, campgrounds, emergency or transitional shelters, abandoned in hospitals
- Are awaiting foster care placement
- Have a primary night time residence not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation
- Live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Are an unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)
- Are migratory children who qualify as homeless because of their living situation

Comparable Services

Homeless children and youths must receive comparable services to those received by all other children including:

- Transportation services
- Educational services
- Meals through school nutrition programs



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Special Education

Florida children between 3 and 22 years of age who are eligible for Exceptional Student Education Programs, may receive a variety of services provided through the public school system. If a homeless child has an identified disability, he or she may be eligible for special education services. Parents who believe their child may qualify for special education should request an educational evaluation at the child's school. If eligible, the student will then receive special education instruction and related services according to their Individual Education Plan (IEP). You may contact either the ESE or Student Services Department for additional information about programs for students with disabilities.



Exceptional Student Support Services
Department (407-320-0216)



Food Services Department (407-320-0222)

Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast Program

Public school children benefit from this federal program that provides nutritious meals at a lower cost. Free or reduced cost breakfasts and lunches are available to homeless families under the following conditions:

- The family meets the definition of homelessness
- The family now receives food stamps or cash assistance (also known as Public Assistance, Welfare payments, or TANF)
- The total household income falls below income guidelines
- The family houses a foster child, in which case the foster child may be eligible regardless of family income

Homeless students are not placed in a separate school or program within a school, based on their homeless status. They are provided services comparable to those offered to other students enrolled in the school.

Homeless students may choose to attend the school they attended prior to becoming homeless. Those students who elect to do this shall be provided transportation, if needed. Homeless students may, as an alternative, choose to enroll in the school zoned for the attendance area where they reside.

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All area codes are 407

Altamonte Elementary _____ 746-2950
 Bear Lake Elementary _____ 746-5550
 Bentley Elementary _____ 871-9950
 Carillon Elementary _____ 320-4650
 Casselberry Elementary _____ 746-2550
 Choices in Learning Charter _ 331-8477
 Crooms Academy _____ 320-5750
 Crystal Lake Elementary ____ 871-8150
 Eastbrook Elementary _____ 746-7950
 English Estates Elementary _ 746-2850
 Evans Elementary _____ 320-9850
 Forest City Elementary _____ 746-1050
 Geneva Elementary _____ 320-4950
 Goldsboro Elementary _____ 320-5850
 Greenwood Lakes Middle ____ 320-7650
 Hagerty High _____ 871-0750
 Hamilton Elementary _____ 320-6050
 Heathrow Elementary _____ 320-6850
 Highlands Elementary _____ 746-6650
 Hopper Center _____ 320-3950
 Idyllwilde Elementary _____ 320-3750

Indian Trails Middle _____ 320-4350
 Jackson Heights Middle ____ 320-4550
 Keeth Elementary _____ 320-5350
 Lake Brantley High _____ 746-3450
 Lake Howell High _____ 746-9050
 Lake Mary Elementary _____ 320-5650
 Lake Mary High _____ 320-9550
 Lake Orienta Elementary ____ 746-2650
 Lawton Elementary _____ 320-6350
 Lawton M. Chiles Middle _____ 871-7050
 Layer Elementary _____ 871-8050
 Longwood Elementary _____ 746-3350
 Lyman High _____ 746-2050
 Markham Woods Middle ____ 871-1750
 Midway Elementary _____ 320-5950
 Millennium Middle _____ 320-6550
 Milwee Middle _____ 746-3850
 Oviedo High _____ 320-4050
 Partin Elementary _____ 320-4850
 Pine Crest Elementary _____ 320-5450
 Rainbow Elementary _____ 320-8450

Rays of Hope Charter _____ 322-5010
 Red Bug Elementary _____ 746-8350
 Rock Lake Middle _____ 746-9350
 Rosenwald Center _____ 746-8250
 Sabal Point Elementary _____ 746-3050
 Sanford Middle _____ 320-6150
 Seminole High _____ 320-5050
 South Seminole Middle _____ 746-1350
 Spring Lake Elementary _____ 746-1650
 Stenstrom Elementary _____ 320-2450
 Sterling Park Elementary ____ 746-8250
 Teague Middle _____ 320-1550
 Tuskawilla Middle _____ 746-8550
 UCP Charter _____ 322-6222
 Walker Elementary _____ 871-7350
 Wekiva Elementary _____ 746-3150
 Wicklow Elementary _____ 320-1250
 Wilson Elementary _____ 320-6950
 Winter Springs Elementary _ 320-0650
 Winter Springs High _____ 320-8750
 Woodlands Elementary _____ 746-2750