

Services for Children and Youth Who Are Homeless

Jonesboro Public Schools provides services to students who meet the requirements to be identified as homeless. These services are designed to minimize the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Services may include providing educationally related support services and basic needs such as clothing and school supplies. Services do not include assisting families in locating housing, paying utility bills, etc.

In Jonesboro Public Schools, each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth. Students who are homeless may not be separated from the mainstream school environment.

The McKinney-Vento Act defines "homeless children and youth" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up); living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; living in emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; or awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children and youth who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above

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