

Homelessness is broadly defined as (but is not limited to) a child who lacks a fixed regular and adequate nighttime residence. A child is deemed to be homeless if the child lives in a transition shelter, hotel or motel, is awaiting foster care, and/or is sharing the house of other persons due to loss of housing or economic necessity.

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At Bartonville Grade School, we offer assistance to our homeless children and youth. Equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths, including a public preschool education.

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**If you:**

- Live in a shelter or motel
- Share housing with relatives because you lost your housing
- Live in a campground, car, old building or other temporary shelter
- *Don't have a permanent address*

**You have the right to:**

- Enroll your child in school **immediately** *even without school or medical records.*
  - Get help from the district liaison with immunizations and/or medical records.
  - Choose your child's old school or school closest to where you are living now.
  - Get transportation to school for your child.
  - Dispute enrollment or transportation decisions.
  - Participate in your child's education.
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**For help, call your school district liaison:**

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