



East Lansing Public Schools Homeless Student Information

Who Are Homeless Students?

- **Living with a friend, relative or someone else** because they lost their home or their family is having temporary financial problems;
- **Staying in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground** because they have nowhere else to go;
- **Living in a shelter**, including emergency or transitional shelters, domestic violence shelters, and runaway and home-less youth shelters;
- **Staying in substandard housing**;
- **Living in places not ordinarily used for sleeping**, including cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, or bus or train stations;
- **Abandoned in a hospital.**

What Are Their Rights?

- **Remain in school of origin.**
- **No barriers to enrollment.** Enroll immediately, without typically required records such as proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other papers. Assist with acquisition of birth certificates and/or immunization records.
- **Free lunch and Title I services.**
- **Transportation services**– CATA passes, mileage reimbursement, school bus.
- **Homeless services continue** for entire school year, and on case-by-case basis into next school year.
- **Challenge decisions made by schools and districts.**

Services Available at East Lansing Public Schools Include:

- **Clothing:** Hats, gloves, shoes, socks, underwear.
- **Goodwill vouchers** for other clothing items
- **Backpacks** with school supplies, hygiene items, etc.
- **Transportation assistance**– CATA passes, reimbursement, bus
- **Graduation expenses**-cap and gown, senior pictures, announcements
- **College applications, scholarships, and FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- **Other items** upon request to ensure student's ability to successfully attend school

Call Assistant to Homeless Liaison, Monique Smith, at 333-7459, to request services for homeless youth.