



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 homeless 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.
- **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.
- **Free lunch and Title services.**
- **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
- 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, Jennifer Smith at **517.333.7459**, to request services for homeless youth or if you've become displaced fill out our [**McKinney-Vento Affidavit of Temporary Housing**](#) to get help.*