

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HOMELESS STUDENTS

ADOPTED: November 3, 2003

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<p>1. Authority 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11431 et seq SC 1306 Title 22 Sec. 11.18</p> <p>2. Definitions 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">251. HOMELESS STUDENTS</p> <p>The Board recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless students have access to the same educational programs and services provided to other district students. The Board shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children within the district, encourage their enrollment, and eliminate existing barriers to their attendance and education, in compliance with federal and state law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board may waive policies, procedures and administrative regulations that create barriers for enrollment, attendance, transportation and success in school of homeless students, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent.</p> <p>Homeless students are defined as individuals lacking a fixed, regular and nighttime residence, which include the following conditions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship. 2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations. 3. Living in emergency, transitional or domestic violence shelters. 4. Abandoned in hospitals. 5. Awaiting foster care placement. 6. Living in public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings. 7. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings. 8. Living as migratory children in conditions described in previous examples.
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<p>Pol. 201, 203, 204, 209, 216</p>	<p>The selected school shall immediately enroll the student and begin instruction, even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment pursuant to district policies. However, the district may require a parent/guardian to submit contact information. The district liaison may contact the previous school for oral confirmation of immunizations, and the school shall request records from the previous district, pursuant to Board policy.</p> <p>If the district is unable to determine the student's grade level due to missing or incomplete records, the district shall administer tests or utilize appropriate means to determine the student's placement.</p> <p>If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The parents/guardians shall be provided with a written explanation of the district's decision, their right to appeal and the procedures to use for the appeal.</p> <p><u>Services</u></p>
<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 11432 SC 1306</p>	<p>Homeless students shall be provided services comparable to those offered to other district students including, but not limited to, transportation services; school nutrition programs; vocational programs and technical education; preschool programs; programs for students with limited English proficiency; and educational services for which students meet eligibility criteria, such as programs for disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and gifted and talented students.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u></p>
<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 11432 SC 1306</p>	<p>The district shall provide transportation for homeless students to their school of origin or the school they choose to attend within the school district.</p> <p>If the school of origin is outside district boundaries or homeless students live in another district but will attend their school of origin in this district, the school districts shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation.</p>
<p>School Code 1306</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 11.18</p>	

20 U.S.C.
Sec. 6301

42 U.S.C.
Sec. 11432 et seq

34 CFR
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67 Fed. Reg.
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