

“Every child  
deserves  
school  
stability”

~ PENNSYLVANIA'S EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
PROGRAM

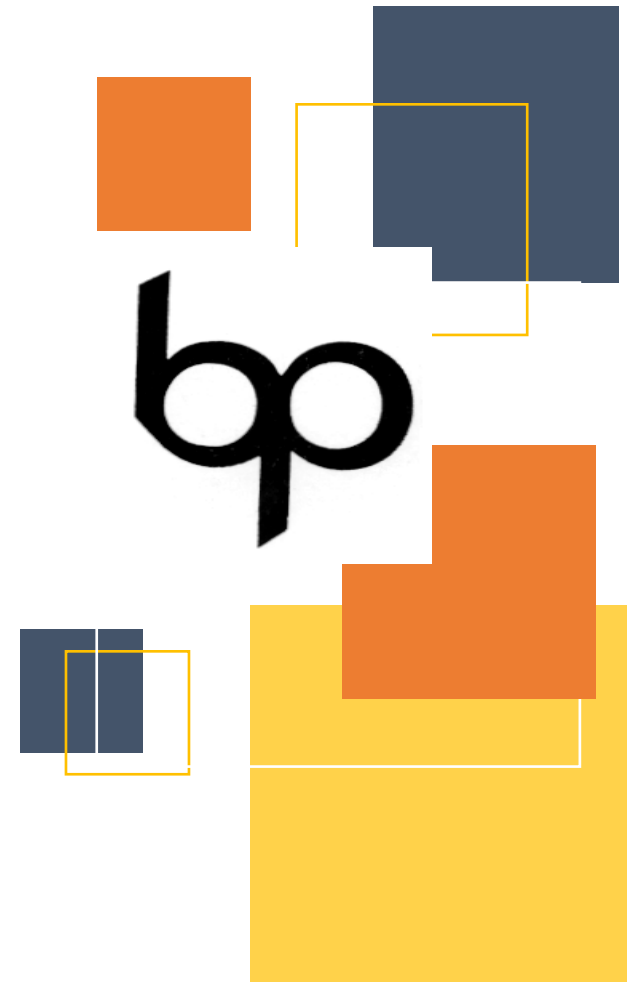


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Information for  
Parents and Youth



# **Bethel Park School District Homeless Education**

## **Information for Parents and Unaccompanied Youth**

Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to a free appropriate public education. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires educational access, attendance, and success for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

### **Who is homeless?**

Homeless children and youth means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:

- Sharing housing
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Living in emergency or transitional housing
- Awaiting foster care
- Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for

or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation

- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, or abandoned buildings
- Migratory meaning children who are or whose parent(s) or spouse(s) are migratory workers
- Unaccompanied homeless youth meaning any child who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. This includes youth who have run away from home, been abandoned by parents or guardians, or separated from their parents for any other reason

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Homeless Assistance Act

### **The Bethel Park School District provides:**

- Immediate enrollment of students experiencing homelessness
- School placement in school of origin or in area of current residency

- Assurance of educational rights for children and youth and parents/guardians
- Access for unaccompanied youth
- A dispute resolution process
- Assurance for comparable services
- Liaison collaboration with community agencies and supports
- Support for parental involvement
- Support for student achievement
- Transportation

### **Other provisions provided by the Bethel Park School District:**

- Enrollment of students in free breakfast and lunch programs
- Access to appropriate instructional supports and resources such as Title I including set asides, gifted education, and special education programs
- Academic and social emotional learning supports
- Bridge to community supports and services