



Education and Assistance for Boaz
City School Systems
Children and Youth.



BOAZ CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Help Is Available

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Who Are Our Homeless Children?

A Homeless Child or youth does not have a fixed, regular and/or adequate night-time residence, resides or sleeps in a place not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for a human being. This includes runaway children, abandoned children and those who have been forced to leave home by their parents. These children may be sleeping at a friend's house or that of a relative. This definition also includes those who are living with a homeless parent or parents. Homelessness affects entire families.

Homeless children and youth are entitled to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) inclusive of services comparable to those available to other students in the school for which the eligibility criteria can be met. This includes compensatory programs for the disadvantaged, handicapped and limited-English proficient.

The Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 1990 (P.L. 101-645) establishes a national policy for the education of homeless children and has made funds available to facilitate enrollment and attendance.

School Personnel Can Identify a Probable Homeless Situation by Being Aware of:

- **Appearance**
 - Inappropriate clothing
 - Inadequate clothing
 - Poor Hygiene
 - Signs of Malnutrition
- **Frequent Absenteeism**
- **Frequent Changes in Address**
- **A Noticeable Change in Behavior Patterns**
- **Withdrawal from Peer Interaction**
- **The Absence of Basic Materials and Supplies.**

Children and Youth Who are Considered to be Homeless/Displaced

- When a family moves in with another family because their home has been lost.
- Runaway children, abandoned children and those who have been forced to leave home by their parents.
- Children or youth who are living with a homeless parent or parents.

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