

STEP UP Homeless Policy

- Staci Fletcher shall serve as the Homeless Liaison.
- All homeless children and youth will have equal access to and be able to participate in all instructional and non-instructional services provide to other students.
- Homeless students will neither be stigmatized or segregated.
- Homeless students shall be allowed to enroll (as space is available) without delay caused by lack of documents, information or proof of immunization or medical records, birth certificates, school records, guardianship issues, or dress code requirements.
- STEP UP shall inform homeless families of their rights and uphold them and provide families with information advocacy and support.
- Homeless children and youths will be identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
- Homeless families, children, and youths receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible and referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health services and other appropriate services.
- The parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and provided meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
- Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated where such children and youths receive services under this Act, such as schools family shelters, and soup kitchens.
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with paragraph (3)(E); and the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services.
- Transportation will be provided for homeless students enrolled at STEP UP.