

BOARD POLICY 420.1

420.1 - Homeless Education

The Board of Education shall ensure that homeless children and youth are provided with equal access to educational programs. Homeless children and youth shall be provided services comparable to services offered other children attending district schools including transportation services and school nutrition programs. Educational services for which children and youth meet eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to special education, ELL services, GATE programming, Title I programming, vocational and technical education, and co-curricular activities.

The term “homeless children and youth” shall be defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship or other factors. It includes children and youth who:

- a) Are temporarily sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- b) Are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- c) Are living in emergency shelters
- d) Are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement
- e) Are runaway children or children who are abandoned
- f) Are living in cars, parks, public space, abandoned buildings, or similar settings
- g) Are Migratory children and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may be considered homeless if they are living in the circumstances described above.

Legal Reference: 118.75, Wisconsin State Statutes

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act

Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act

Cross Reference: Administrative Rules 420.1 – Homeless Education

Board Policy 342.5 – Title I

Administrative Rule 342.5 – Title I

Exhibit: Title I School-Parent Compact

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Board Policy 342.51 – Title I Comparability

Board Policy 420 – Admission

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