

## **HOMELESS CHILDREN**

The board will make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age within the district, encourage their enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their receiving an education which may exist in district policies or practices. The designated coordinator for identification of homeless children and for tracking and monitoring programs and activities for these children is the Superintendent or building principal

### **A homeless child or youth of school age is defined as a child or youth:**

1. Between the ages of 5 and 21
2. Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes a child or student:
  - Living on the street;
  - Living in a car, tent, or abandoned building or;
  - Some other form of shelter not designated as a permanent home;
  - Living in a community shelter facility;
  - Living with non-nuclear family members or with friends who may or may not have legal guardianship over the child or youth of school age.

### **Ways we can help .....**

Immunization

Enrollment in a friendly school

Provide free school breakfast and lunch

Payment of school fees

Support services to help you be successful

Seek support for family members

Transportation to and from school

Quick transfer of your school records

If a dispute arises over any issue covered in this policy, the child or youth in transition will be admitted immediately to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The student will also have the right as a student in transition to all appropriate educational services, transportation, and free meals while the dispute is pending.

The school homeless liaison will provide the parent or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the district's decision on the disputed issue and the right of the parent or unaccompanied youth to appeal that decision. The parent or unaccompanied youth will be given every opportunity to participate meaningfully in the resolution of the dispute. The parent, unaccompanied youth, or school district may appeal the school district's decision as provided in the state's dispute resolution process.

Please contact the Principal's office (563-488-2292) or 106 W Webster St., Wyoming, Iowa 52362.