

Mission Statement

The mission of the Greenfield Public Schools, in active partnership with students, families, individual citizens, and established groups within the community, is to educate students to meet the challenges and responsibilities of a rapidly changing and diverse world. We recognize that every child is deserving of equal opportunity to maximize his or her potential, and we encourage all students in the pursuit of excellence.

Did you know?

Homeless children and youth report that school is a home to them – a place where they see the same faces, sit in the same seat, and can put their hearts and minds into pursuits that ease their daily troubles. In school, students gain the skills and support needed to avoid poverty and homelessness as adults.

Who to Contact:

If you and/or your family, or someone you know is need of assistance, please seek a guidance counselor or contact Greenfield Public School's Homeless Liaison for assistance and information.

Homeless Liaison

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Transitional Students



WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SHOULD KNOW

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What are your rights?

The McKinney-Vento act ensures homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths. It has most recently been reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

Right To Enroll:

All children in the United States are entitled to a basic public elementary and secondary education regardless of their race, color, gender, gender identify, sexual orientation, disability status, national origin, citizenship, immigration status, or the status of their parents/guardians.

What does homeless mean?

- **Homeless children and youths** are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes:
- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or

camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals.

- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children (as defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended) who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances as described above.

Community Resources & Services

Community Resources

The United Arc
<http://www.theunitedarc.org>

Franklin County YMCA
<http://www.ymcaingreenfield.org>

Servicenet - Pathways
<http://www.servicenet.org>

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
<http://www.naehcy.org/>

Dial/Self
<http://www.dialself.org>

Community Action
<http://www.communityaction.us>

United Way of Franklin County
<https://www.uw-fc.org/>

Services

- Clothing
- Housing/Utility Assistance
- Childcare
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Assistance with school-related fees (may vary by school)
- Free school breakfast/lunch
- Legal guidance
- Eligibility for State/Supplemental Nutritional Food Assistance –SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, etc.)
- School transportation
- College fee & application assistance