

Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Enrollment, Transportation, School of Origin, and the Elimination of Barriers for Children or Youth Experiencing Homelessness Including Unaccompanied Youth

The Bon Homme School District policy is to:

- Ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured. Academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
- Keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian.
- Ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
- Provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
 - Transportation services
 - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar state or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
 - Programs in vocational and technical education
 - Programs for gifted and talented students
 - School nutrition programs

Legal References: Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431) Section 722 (g) (1) (j) and Section 722 (g) (3) as amended by NCLB in 2001; SDCL 28-8A-2; 26-8B-2

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