



Palmyra-Eagle Area School District

Families Experiencing Homelessness Annual Notice

Do you know a preschool or school-aged child or family that may be in need of assistance? Many families in Wisconsin have found themselves to be families in transition without a place to call home. Our school district is committed to assisting all students experiencing homelessness to receive the best education possible. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up);
- Living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria, the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District provides the following assurances to families of children and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness:

- The child or youth shall be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (e.g., academic records, immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
- Homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and have full and equal educational and related opportunities.

- Meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children including special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
- Immediate enrollment and transportation to the school of origin. “School of origin” means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.
- Written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution of such decisions.

Please contact **Kari Timm**, Homeless Services Liaison for the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District, for additional information about the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. Ms. Timm can be reached at **262 495-7101 ext. 2215** or **ktimm@peasd.org**. Thank you!

All information will be kept confidential.