

Homeless Services

Based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education of Children and Youth Program

The Shirland School District #134 ensures that students who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence receive the same rights to an education as other students. Our goal as a school district is to remove any barriers for enrollment and to help students be as successful as possible in school during a difficult situation.

What can we provide?

Assistance can be provided for many services that are required by your school district such as:

- School supplies
- Tutoring, after school educational programs, correspondence classes
- Student records...birth certificates, physicals, and immunizations
- Health referrals
- Emergency transportation

Who is eligible?

Families who have lost their housing and are now living:

- With friends or relatives
- In a shelter
- In a motel
- In a vehicle
- In other temporary housing

Our Homeless Liaison is Catherine Sweeney. Please contact her regarding getting your child school supplies, supplemental services, free school lunch, transportation to and from the school of origin, and community support. Ms. Sweeney can be reached at 815-629-2000. Her email is finance@shirland134.org.

Did you know?

- ✓ Students are allowed to attend their school of origin the entire time they are homeless and until the end of any academic year in which they become permanently housed.
- ✓ Students are served in their school of origin unless it is against the parent/guardian's wishes or it is not in the best interest of the child.
- ✓ Transportation is provided to school of origin, choice or residence. If transportation to school of origin is across the district lines, districts involved are responsible for sharing costs. If districts cannot agree, they must share the costs equally.
- ✓ Your homeless liaison can coordinate with state and local housing agencies to minimize the educational disruption for your children and ensure they have access and proximity to all education and support services.