



CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Notice of Homeless Education Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, more than 800,000 school-age children in the United States experience homelessness. The Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (ECYEH) is a required element of a federal grant which supports the program's operation in to make sure that homelessness does not cause these children to be left behind in school. Homeless children should have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District is required to provide activities for and services to, homeless children, including preschool-age homeless children and youths, enabling them to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs.

The law requires all school districts to inform parents or guardians of their rights. Specifically, it states that, pending resolution of a dispute about school placement, a school district must immediately enroll a homeless student in the student's school of origin or other schools selected on the basis of the child's best interest and provide a written explanation of the rights of appeal to the parent or guardian of the student.

If you have any questions about the ECYEH program, please contact Julie Heckman, Homeless Liaison.

Sincerely,

Mark Loucks
Superintendent