



Somerton School District No.11

“Children, Our Priority-Personal Best, Our Goal”

Procedures for the Identification of Students Experiencing Homelessness

Somerton School District will identify and provide services to homeless students by:

1. Identifying a District Homeless Liaison.
2. Identifying homeless students through the district referral procedures in place and assist homeless students in coordination of activities with other agencies and entities.
 - Posting of Homeless information on all campuses
 - Building awareness with all staff by providing training
3. Utilize the ADE definition of homelessness “a child who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. *The term ‘homeless children and youth’ includes families living in the following situations –*
 - *In a shelter*
 - *In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation*
 - *In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station*
 - *Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.*

Services

All homeless students are availed of all educational opportunities afforded to other students to include:

- Transportation and free lunch
 - EL and/or Migrant Education Program services
 - Gifted
 - Counseling
 - Head Start
 - Preschool
 - Special education
4. Somerton School District will work closely with surrounding school districts, private schools, charter schools, the community at large as well as federal funded programs to bring about higher levels of academic excellence by supporting students.

Families who are experiencing any of the living arrangements described above, they should contact the Somerton School District Homeless Liaison, Francisca Canchola, 928-341-6054.