



Blue Ridge CUSD 18

HOMELESS EDUCATION SERVICES

Who is considered to be homeless, under the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act? Children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Families/ students may share housing with others due to lack of housing or economic hardship; live in cars, motels, camp grounds, or emergency or transitional shelters. Unaccompanied youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian are also considered homeless.

Homeless children have equal access to the same public education, including preschool, as other children and youth. Homeless children can face barriers to enrollment such as: Screenings required for enrollment, waiting lists, transportation, lack of birth certificates, or lack of immunization or medical records.

Our schools work to address these barriers. Solutions may include enrolling children immediately when parents are obtaining required documents, prioritizing homeless students at the top of the waiting list when there are no openings, and providing help with school supplies and materials.

If you know someone who needs support due homelessness or economic hardship, please call the Blue Ridge School District office. We will work together to meet the need.

Blue Ridge School District Office

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