

# Homeless Identification and Responsibilities

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# Definition

The definition of homeless children and youth are those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Under the larger umbrella of lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, the law also provides several examples of situations that meet the definition. The examples include children and youths:

- sharing housing due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- living in hotels, motels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative adequate housing;
- living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- abandoned in hospitals;
- living in a public or private place not designated for, or normally used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar places;

# What are the requirements of the school?

- To Provide an education to homeless students
- To Provide Transportation To and From School
- To Enroll Students Immediately
- To make sure students receive the same programs as other students
- To make sure students receive free school meals
- To remove all barriers.

# How Can I Help?

- All Staff are charged with:
  - Supporting homeless students and their families
  - Providing a welcoming climate & build trust for homeless students
  - Identification and supporting homeless students
  - Being sensitive & understanding to the needs of homeless students

If you suspect a student is homeless – Please contact your building counselor &/or Tony Sappington, OTPS District Homeless Liaison

# Resources

Oklahoma State Department of Education

– [sde.ok.gov](http://sde.ok.gov)

• Oklahoma Homeless Shelter Directory

– [www.homelessshelterdirectory.org](http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org)

# Contact Information

If you have any questions or need additional information contact:

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