

HOMELESS POLICY

According to Title X NCLB our school district is required to identify, intervene, and assist all students and families that meet the criteria for homelessness. Chapter 33 of Iowa Administrative Code defines “Homeless child or youth” as a child or youth from the age of 3 years through 21 years who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes the following:

1. A child or youth who is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; is living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; is abandoned in a hospital; or is awaiting foster care placement.
2. A child or youth who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
3. A child or youth who is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting; or
4. A migratory child or youth who qualifies as homeless because the child or youth is living in circumstances described in paragraphs “1” through “3” above.

The district shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as the district’s liaison for homeless children and youth to carry out the duties specified in 281 – IAC 33.3 (7). If questions on this, please contact Glenn Graettinger, Homeless contact person for Spencer Schools, 712-262-1700.