

## HOMELESS CHILDREN

It is the policy of the Sheridan County School District #1 that every child will have equal access to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). Children who are homeless have the same rights to FAPE as do the other children, and the district is committed to assuring that those rights are fully protected and honored.

A homeless child is defined as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence who is living in:

- A supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
- An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
- A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

The terms "homeless" or "homeless individual" do not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained.

This definition includes both youth who are unaccompanied by families and those who are homeless with their families.

The District At-Risk Coordinator will serve as the Homeless Education Liaison for the district.

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