

JFABD - ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

Category P

The Founders Academy Public Charter School will work with homeless students and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. Homeless students will be provided services for which they are eligible by their school district of residency, including Title I, similar state programs, special education, bilingual education. The Founders Academy will work to establish that connection between the family and the resources linked to the previous town of residence.

Per the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, homeless students are defined as those students lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including:

1. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship;
2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
3. Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
4. Abandoned in hospitals;
5. Awaiting foster care placement;
6. Living in public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
7. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings;
8. Migratory children living in conditions described in previous examples.

The Dean shall designate an appropriate staff person to be the Founders Academy's liaison for homeless students and their families. The Founders Academy's admissions policy and process applies to all students.

Emergency contact information is required at the time of enrollment, consistent with district policies.

The Founders Academy's liaison for homeless students and their families shall coordinate with: local social service agencies that provide services to homeless children and their families; other school districts on issues of transportation and records transfers; and state and local housing agencies responsible for comprehensive housing affordability strategies. The Founders Academy's liaison will also review and recommend to the district policies that may eliminate barriers to the enrollment of homeless students.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(17), Homeless Students RSA
193:12, Legal Residence Required
No Child Left Behind Act, 2002
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431, et seq.

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