

Downey Unified School District

STUDENTS

HOMELESS STUDENTS

BP 2510

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to ensure that all homeless children and youth receive a free appropriate public education with meaningful opportunities to succeed in school. The term “homeless children and youth” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes:

- Children and youth who are:
 - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubled up”);
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or
 - Abandoned in hospitals.
- Children and youth who have 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;
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

The District will follow the requirements of the most current McKinney-Vento Laws and Regulations in order to ensure that these children and youth are free from discrimination, segregation, and harassment.