



Barrier Free Enrollment and Homeless Resources

It is the policy of the Alabaster City Schools Board of Education that no student will be unlawfully excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the Board on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, disability, creed, nation origin, sex, immigrant or migrant status, non-English speaking ability, or foster care, or homeless status. The enrollment of these children and youth shall not be denied or delayed due to any of the following barriers:

- Lack of birth certificate
- Lack of school records or transcripts
- Lack of immunization or health records
- Lack of proof of residency
- Lack of transportation
- Guardianship or custody requirements

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act defines a homeless individual as one who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

If your family lives in any of the following situations, you may be considered homeless:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

To find out if your child qualifies for services, please contact your local school and ask to speak with a counselor, and complete the McKinney-Vento Student Questionnaire.

If your child is considered eligible for the homeless program, he/she has the right to:

- Access to the same public education as other children
- Continue in the school they attended before coming homeless, **if feasible**.
- Participate in all programs and activities with students that are not homeless.
- Enroll immediately in school. The school will work with parents to obtain necessary records.

Services are provided to students that qualify for the homeless program. Services include, but are not limited to:

- Tutoring through programs provided by the school's PST (Problem Solving Team)
- School Supplies
- Payment of class fees/dues
- Payment of field trips
- Personal hygiene items
- Free school lunch

Resources for Homeless Children and Families: Tip Sheet http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/health-services-management/program-planning/ResourcesforHom.htm	Annotated Bibliography of Homeless Resources published by NCHE http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/ab-biblio-2013.pdf http://center.serve.org/nche/pr/ab_biblio.php
Shelby County Homeless Shelters and Services for The Needy https://www.shelbyal.com/index.aspx?NID=215	Homeless Providers Directory https://www.birminghamal.gov/download/community_development/Serviceprovider.pdf