

# Homeless Student



## Definition

A homeless student is one who: 1) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including a student who is sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; abandoned in hospitals; or a migratory child, as defined in subsection 2 of Section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, who qualifies as homeless under any of the above provisions; or 2) has a primary nighttime location that is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations including, but not limited to, shelters operated or approved by the State or local department of social services, and residential programs for runaway and homeless youth established pursuant to article 19H of the executive law or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus, train stations, or similar setting. Homeless students do not include children in foster care placement or receiving educational services pursuant to subdivision four, five, six, six-a, or seven of Education Law section 3202 or pursuant to article 81, 85, 87, or 88 of Education Law.

## Reporting

Homeless students must be reported with Program Service Code 8262 – Homeless Student Status as well as a Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence code. A Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence Code indicates where students identified as homeless with Program Service Code 8262 have their primary nighttime residence (PNR). The LEA's homeless liaison must determine the PNR at the time the student is identified as homeless. The primary nighttime residence codes include:

- D** = Doubled-up (with another family)
- H** = Hotels/motels
- S** = Shelters
- T** = Transitional Housing
- U** = Unsheltered (car, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailer, or abandoned buildings)

There are two other program service codes that may apply to homeless students. Students must be identified as homeless with the 8262 and have a Primary Nighttime Residence in order to report these codes:

1. Program Service Code 8272 — *Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Status*. This is reported in the Programs\_Fact table for homeless students who are unaccompanied youth. This program service indicates the student is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian.
2. Program Service Code 0892 – *Title I: Part A: Homeless Student Served with Set-Aside Funds*. This is reported in the Programs\_Fact table for homeless students who are served

with Title I: Part A funds that the district is required to set aside for homeless students. Examples of such services include school supplies given to a specific student, school clothes given to a specific student, per session tutoring provided to a specific student, per session counseling provided to a specific student, etc. If the McKinney-Vento Liaison's salary is partially or fully funded using Title I set-aside funding, LEAs may only apply this program service code if the student (or their family) has had at least one conversation with the liaison and the liaison facilitated receipt of services by the student and/or their family (for example, the liaison met with the family, assessed their needs and connected the family with a local shelter provider).

A Homeless record should only be ended when the student is no longer homeless, not to report a change in the type of primary nighttime residence. If the student is no longer considered homeless during the school year, the homeless record should end along with any associated homeless program records. The Primary Nighttime Residence code only needs to be updated when a new Homeless record is started.