

Homelessness “At a Glance”

Indicators of Possible Homelessness

- ◆ Chronic hunger and/or tiredness
- ◆ Enrollment at many different schools
- ◆ Inconsistent school attendance or tardiness
- ◆ Grooming and personal hygiene issues
- ◆ Consistently comes to school without homework, books, supplies, or signed papers
- ◆ Incompatible clothing for the current season or incorrect sized clothing
- ◆ Changes in behavior, characterized by shyness, withdrawal, nervousness, anger or aggression
- ◆ Mentions staying with family, friends, or not sure where they are staying on future nights

Homeless Definition

Students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as defined below.

- ◆ Doubled-up, couch surfing, sharing housing with family or friends due to an economic hardship, or similar reason
- ◆ Living in an emergency or transitional shelters
- ◆ Living in a motel/hotel, vehicles, parks, trailer parks, or campgrounds, due to lack of alternative accommodations
- ◆ Living in abandoned buildings or substandard housing with no heat, electricity, water, or floors

Unaccompanied Youth Definition

Youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian and living in any of the situations listed under the “Homeless” definition.

- ◆ Abandoned by their family
- ◆ Couch surfing with family or friends
- ◆ Kicked out of their homes
- ◆ Runaway from home
- ◆ Living in any of the conditions listed under “Homeless Definition”

STEP Student Count

Grade & School Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Pre-K - 5th	332	452	509	567
6th - 8th	166	192	233	245
9th - 12th	308	310	300	338
District Total	806	954	1042	1150
Un-Accompanied Youth	200	172	179	197



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