

HOMELESS CHILDREN

The Peru Central School District Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to identify homeless children within the district, encourage their enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their education which may exist in district practices. The Board will provide that homeless children attending the district's schools access to the same free and appropriate public education, including preschool education, as other children have available to them at Peru Central School District.

A homeless child is a child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or who has a primary nighttime location in a public or private shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, or a place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. This definition also includes a child who shares the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; lives in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; lives in a car, park, public space or abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station or similar setting; has been abandoned in a hospital or is awaiting foster care placement; or is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless.

Peru Central School District shall follow state guidelines regarding homeless children.

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate an administrator who will coordinate cross-campus efforts associated with providing services to children identified as homeless.

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