

HOMELESS STUDENT FLAG

Reporting File: Student

Edited: Fall and End-of-Year

Students who qualify under the Homeless definition any time during the current school year will be flagged with a Y.

Homeless is defined in 42 U.S.C. § 103(a) (1) (2) of P.L. 100-77:

A homeless individual is one who:

- (A) Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and
- (B) Includes
 - a. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelter; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
 - b. Children and youths 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 (within the means of section 103(a)(2)(C));
 - c. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - d. Migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (a) through (c).

A homeless student who is not living in a shelter is considered a resident of the independent school district in which the school of enrollment is geographically located.

- a. MARSS STATE AID CATEGORY (SAC) 00, if the student is enrolled in an independent school district, state aid to the resident district;
- b. MARSS SAC 08, if the student is enrolled in a charter school, state aid to the charter school; or
- c. MARSS SAC 19, if the student is enrolled in a cooperative, state aid to the resident district.

*Minn Stat. §127A.47, subd.2 (2007) **Reporting; revenue for homeless.***

For all school purposes, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, a homeless pupil is a resident of the school district that enrolls the pupil.

A student who was enrolled in a charter school or cooperative at the time he or she became homeless, is not living in a shelter and who remains enrolled in the same charter school or cooperative is considered a resident of the district in which the charter school or cooperative is located. However, a student who becomes homeless and then transfers or is placed in a charter school or cooperative and is not living in a shelter is a resident of the district in which the charter school or cooperative is located.

A homeless student living in a shelter is considered a resident of the district where the shelter is located.

- a. MARSS SAC 00, if the student is enrolled in an independent school district, state aid goes to the resident district;
- b. MARSS SAC 08, if the student is enrolled in a charter school, state aid goes to the charter school;
- c. MARSS SAC 19, if the student is enrolled in a cooperative, state aid goes to the resident district.

*Minn. Stat. §120A.20. subd. 2 **Education and residence of homeless.***

- a. *Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a district must not deny free admission to a homeless person of school age solely because the district cannot determine that the person is a resident of the district.*
- b. *The school district of residence for a homeless person of school age shall be the school district in which the homeless shelter or other program, center, or facility assisting the homeless person is located. The educational services a school district provides to a homeless person must allow the person to work toward meeting the graduation standards under section 120B.02.*

The student is considered homeless through the remainder of the school year in which they obtain stable housing. A homeless student does not need to open enroll back to the original school of enrollment. They are entitled to transportation services back to the original school of enrollment. See “Transportation” below.

Care and Treatment

A student, who at the time of a care and treatment placement was homeless, is not considered homeless during the treatment placement. The student is unable to enroll in the school of origin because of the care and treatment placement. The student would be reported with SAC 27 or 28 depending on the employment status of the teachers in the treatment program.

Economic Indicator

A student experiencing homeless is eligible to receive free meals and can be reported with an ECONOMIC INDICATOR of 2. If the student is considered homeless prior to the final Fall MARSS submission in mid-December, report ECONOMIC INDICATOR 2 on the Fall file. If the determination of homeless is made after December 15, then report the student’s ECONOMIC INDICATOR as 2 on the Year-End file only.

TITLE I

A student experiencing homeless is eligible to receive Title I services. Report the homeless student as a Title I participant if the student is enrolled in a Title I school (i.e., TITLE I SCHOOL INDICATOR is one of B, C, D, or E).

Transportation

For transportation purposes, the district in which the student is enrolled is responsible for transportation. Minn. Stat. §125A.51 subp. 1 (2009). However, that district can contract with the district in which the student is sleeping at night. If the student is enrolled in a charter school and the charter school transports its own students, the charter school would be responsible for transporting the student, even if the student is sleeping outside the district in which the charter school is located. If the student is enrolled in a charter school and the local district provides transportation, the district would be responsible for transporting the student, even if the student is sleeping outside the district in which the charter school is located. For transportation purposes, homeless students are coded as TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY 06 – Special Transportation.

Data Element Values:

N - No

Y - Yes (student was homeless for some period of time during the current school year).

Data Element Value Notes:

One (1) letter alpha code located in the Student (B) file. Example: N