



Belding Area Schools

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Belding Area Schools Families:

No Child Left Behind Federal Legislation requires local school districts to identify and serve students in “homeless” situations. The definition of homeless is much broader than one might expect. Essentially, anyone who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence can be qualified as homeless. This includes, but is not limited to, those who live in shelters, abandoned buildings, cars, public spaces, those who share housing with other families because of economic hardship or live in motels, hotels or campgrounds. Children in a foster care situation that is less than six months in duration also qualify.

It is the district’s responsibility to help identify these children, enroll them in school and help them with opportunities for academic success. If you believe a member of your household may qualify as homeless, please contact the district immediately to obtain the necessary paperwork and identify eligible students. Contacts are listed below. Our goal is to do whatever it takes to help our children be successful. Please take time to review the flyers and let us know how we can help serve the appropriate children.

Sincerely,

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