

## Lewis Center for Educational Research

**BP 5111: STUDENTS  
HOMELESS**

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**Revised:**

The Lewis Center for Educational Research Foundation Board recognizes the rights of all students, including those who are homeless, the opportunity to enroll in and participate in Academy for Academic Excellence's or Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy's educational and support programs.

### **Definition of Homeless**

The term homeless children and youth means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Children who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters, or awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youth 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
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above

### **I. STUDENTS RIGHTS**

Homeless students who are enrolled in Academy for Academic Excellence or Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy have the right to:

- Equal access to all educational programs and services
- Continue to attend Academy for Academic Excellence or Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy for the duration of their homelessness or the current school year, whichever ever ends first
- Attend Academy for Academic Excellence or Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy while homeless, unless there exists a legitimate reason for requiring attendance at another school; and
- Receive all educational services for which they are eligible (i.e., special education and LEP)

### **II. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES**

LCER will develop strategies for meeting the needs of homeless students and eliminating barriers to their attendance at school, including identification, and the provision of appropriate support services.