

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN TRANSITION (HOMELESS) CHILDREN

Sweetwater County School District One makes every effort to find and identify any students who enroll or are currently enrolled who may be children or youth in transition or who may be children in families in transition. Secretaries and registrars will be instructed to look for signs that students are from families in transition when they enroll and teachers, counselors, and other school personnel will be instructed of signs which would indicate students may be children or youth in transition or from families in transition. If students are identified as such, the District will serve these students, providing a quality education and whatever related services are necessary to ensure the students are able to maximize their educational opportunity.

Consistent, uninterrupted education is vital for academic achievement. Due to the realities of homelessness and mobility, students in transition may not have school enrollment documents available readily. The District must immediately enroll children and youth in transition, even if they do not have required documents, such as transcripts/school records, immunizations/health/physical/medical records, proof of residency, birth certificate, unpaid school fees, lack of uniforms or clothing that conforms to dress codes, or other documents. Unaccompanied youth must also be enrolled immediately in school. They may either enroll themselves or be enrolled by a parent, non-parent caretaker, older sibling, or local liaison. In addition, free meal eligibility will be expedited to provide meal benefits to these students.

If students are suspected to be children and youth in transition, the person making the identification will complete IGBCA-E and submit to the building principal. The building principal will then notify the Director of Human Resources who shall serve as the District's Local Liaison for children and youth in transition. The Director of Human Resources will determine if students are children and youth in transition and ensure children equal access to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

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