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Education for Homeless Youth

42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.

This Basic Education Circular (BEC) explains the categories of children who are “homeless” and entitled to the protections of the federal law.

Download the [Education for Homeless Youth BEC \(PDF\)](#) from the PDE website.

Admission to Kindergarten and Beginners – Acceptable Evidence of Pupil Age for School Admission

24 P.S. § 5-503

- Birth certificate is NOT the only acceptable proof of age
- A birth certificate is not mandated by law as a requirement for school admission
- Other options include baptismal certificate, transcript of record of baptism, notarized parent statement or transcript of birth

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Enrollment of Students – Students Living With a Resident Adult other than a Parent

24 P.S. § 13-1302

- District must support the child gratis

- Child is entitled to all free school privileges
- District may require affidavit from adult (optional)
- Affidavit is the only permissible school district requirement

Download the [Enrollment of Students BEC \(PDF\)](#) from the PDE website.

School Immunization Requirements

24 P.S. § 13-1303a

- Schools can admit students with at least one each of six prescribed antigens
- Students have up to eight months to complete remaining doses

Download the [School Immunization Requirements BEC \(PDF\)](#) from the PDE website.

For more information about PDE's Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program, contact Storm Camara, State Coordinator via phone at (717) 772-2066.

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