

## **Attention Displaced or Homeless Families – Procedures for Enrollment**

If you wish to temporarily enroll your child(ren) in our district because you have been displaced from your home district as a result of Hurricane Sandy, please contact our Homeless/Residency Liaison: Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator, at 908-232-3232. Or you may directly contact the secretary of the school in which you would like to enroll your child.

Beechwood School (grades pre-K -2) Mrs. Ciasulli (908) 301-9104 x100  
Deerfield School (grades 3-8) Mrs. Motherwell (908) 232-8828, x210

Please note the following:

The McKinney-Vento Act and N.J.A.C. 6A:17 stipulate that students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including those who are “sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason,” are homeless and therefore entitled to immediate enrollment.

Students experiencing homelessness are not required to present residency affidavits to enroll in school. Therefore, the typical documents normally needed for school enrollment are waived for homeless students. Though proof of residency affidavits may be intended to ensure that only eligible students are able to enroll in a district school, the use of such forms as a requirement for enrollment, or continued enrollment, constitutes an educational barrier for students who are homeless.

School districts must immediately enroll or continue the enrollment of students who are homeless during the time the district investigates the student’s claims of homelessness. If the district disputes the student’s claim of homelessness, it must continue the student’s enrollment for the duration of the dispute resolution process, as described at N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.8.

For any families displaced by the storm that have still not returned to their school of origin or enrolled in their current district, the state has set up a hotline to help parents contact the appropriate districts and understand their options. That number is [609-292-2070](tel:609-292-2070).