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The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provide that each homeless child or youth shall have access to free public education as provided to all residents of the State. Public Law 100-77 defines a "homeless individual" as one who (1) lacks a fixed, regular, adequate night time residence or (2) has a primary night time residence in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter for temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for mentally ill), an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation, for human beings. Title VIIB of the Act seeks to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to free appropriate public education on an equal basis with other children. The law states that "the local educational agency "shall either continue the child's or youth's education in the school district of origin for the remainder of the school year or enroll the child or youth in the school district where they actually live; whichever is in the child's best interest or the youth's best interest.

The Colonial Board of School Directors seeks to insure that these laws are appropriately implemented.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish appropriate administrative regulations to carry out this policy in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Director of Pupil Services or designee will serve as the homeless liaison to provide immediate services when a homeless student is enrolled.

*Reference: Education for Homeless Youth 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., Issued July 1, 2002.
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