

Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter Schools

HOMELESS Policy

Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas will afford the same services and educational opportunities to homeless children as are afforded to non-homeless children. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall appoint an appropriate staff person to be the local educational liaison for Homeless children and youth whose responsibilities shall include coordinating with the state Educational liaison for homeless children and youth to ensure that homeless children are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and such other duties as are prescribed by law and this policy. The Principal will designate the Homeless Liaison at Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter Schools. At LAA, students shall be considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence or one of the following:

1. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; living in emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. Having a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or
4. Are migratory children who are living in circumstances described in 1 through 3.