

DAKOTA INDIANS

Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.

Our Mission is that Dakota Community Unit School District #201 will educate our Students by providing quality and diverse learning opportunities while collaborating with the community.

September 2018

Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents and Community Members:

Welcome to the start of another great school year. First, we're excited to welcome several new staff members to the Dakota family who include:

Lisa Flynn, HS English
Dan Sheets, JH/HS special education
Colby Dace, JH/HS science
Katie Ries, JH/HS counselor
Amanda Elmer, JH/HS physical education/health
Jamie Myers, 6th grade
Corrie Lipka, DES instructional aide
Corrine Philpot- PASS aide
Kelly Miller, DES special education aide
Charity Rhode, Early Childhood

We also want to recognize several of our staff who reached service milestones this year. They include:

5 years

Aimee Taylor, elementary teacher

10 years

Sandra Bahls, elementary teacher
Jason Buss, building and grounds

15 years

Sade McCauley, library aide

20 years

Jennifer Fox, district vocal instructor
Sandy Kortemeier, early childhood

25 years

Annette Hackbarth, district band instructor
Don McCollum, building and grounds

30 years

Greg Feiner, elementary physical education

The district appreciates their great service to the district!

We're also excited about the interior painting work done over the course of the summer. Hallways in both buildings

and the high school gymnasium were the primary areas covered. The high-quality painting was done by a group of our high school students, supervised by Pam Fluegel. Below are some photographs highlighting their work.



In regard to some academic programming, we're happy to announce that we have 33 students taking college coursework on the Dakota High School campus in English and Psychology. Additionally, we have 41 students enrolled in career certification programs through CareerTec.

We are also implementing a new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum in grades K-6. This curriculum is highly rated with tremendous resources to support our students and staff in reading and writing. The district will be in the third year of implementation of a new mathematics curriculum.

The district is also experiencing great participation in our fall activities. Below are the participation levels for each of the activities: JH Football 30, JH Volleyball 23, Cheer 7, HS Football 45, HS Volleyball 41, Golf 33, Marching Band 43, Color Guard 4

In other recent news, the school board held its regular August meeting on the 14th and addressed several important district business items, which included placing the FY 19 budget on display. The school board scheduled a board retreat for September 26th and also scheduled a community focus group session scheduled for Wednesday, November 7st at 7:00 p.m. at Dakota High School for the purpose of getting feedback and input. The board also placed updated board policies on display. For additional details on the meeting, please go to the School Board link at www.dakota201.com. Have a great year!

STUDENT SERVICES

Kevin Cline-Academic Advisor
Peggy Dieken-School Counselor
Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist
Katie Ries-School Counselor
Diane Scaduto-Nurse

SCHOLARSHIPS: As soon as scholarships become available, they will be listed outside the Guidance Office, included in future newsletters, and posted on the district website. Most of the scholarships posted over the next few months will be for the national and state level. Most local scholarships don't begin arriving until the spring.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: There will be a financial aid night on September 24th at 6 p.m. for all parents who would like to learn more about the process of applying for and obtaining financial assistance for college. Specific details and help in completing the FAFSA form will also be available. In addition, Highland Community College will have reps here that night beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, to offer interested parents a better look at the Highland experience.

Any parent that would like to sit down one on one and discuss either the college process or the financial aid process, please feel free to contact Mr. Cline in the Guidance Office anytime to schedule an appointment.

TESTING: The following dates are reserved for special testing during the 2018-2019 school year:

October 10, 2018 (optional Grade 11)	PSAT
March 7, 2019 and 10	PSAT 8, 9
April 9, 2019 (required Grade 11)	SAT

ACT: Juniors or seniors wishing to take an ACT test may register for the next test at Highland Community College, Saturday, **October 27th**. Students must register online at www.act.org. The cost is \$50.50 for the basic ACT or \$67.00 for ACT plus Writing. See Mrs. Ries if you have questions or need help registering. *Deadline for registration without a late fee is September 28th.*

SAT Re-Takes: Any seniors wishing to re-take their SAT at Highland Community College may register and pay at www.sat.org/register. Fall 2018 test dates are October 6, November 3, and December 1st.

PSAT: Juniors wishing to take the optional PSAT test on **October 10th** need to sign-up with Mrs. Ries during the month of September. An explanation of the test will be given during U.S. History classes. The PSAT is a practice for the actual SAT test which all juniors will take this spring. This test also enters students in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship competition. Students must pay a \$15 fee on the day of the test to cover scoring costs, etc. *While completely optional, this is a great opportunity for serious college-bound students to practice taking an SAT test.*

SAT: All high school juniors are **required to take the SAT** free of charge, right here at DHS on **April 9th**. Our teachers will be helping students to prepare for this college entrance exam. It is recommended that students take the PSAT (mentioned above) this fall as practice.

Experience Highland: Any seniors interested in attending Highland Community College next year may sign-up to attend a visit to campus this fall. The exact date is yet to be determined. Students will receive a campus tour and hear speakers discuss topics such as academics, registration, activities, financial aid, etc. This is **NOT** the spring registration trip to HCC. Details on that will arrive in February.

PARCC: The state mandated PARCC test will be administered to 7th and 8th graders. Testing will be done sometime during the window of **April 15-April 26, 2019**. More specific information will follow in the months ahead.



What should your college-bound senior be doing in the month of September?

1. Completing on-line applications for all colleges they are seriously considering.

2. Looking to attend college open house days for schools they are interested in. Most schools will have visit days on Columbus Day in particular.
3. Encouraging their parents to attend the financial aid night September 24th.
4. Signing up for the Experience Highland trip this fall if they are considering HCC.
5. Deciding whether or not to re-take the SAT or ACT this fall. Higher scores may help come scholarship season.



ELEMENTARY NEWS

PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for all elementary students will be taken on Wednesday, September 19th. The order forms with price information will be sent home with students prior to picture day. Order your package on-line through LIFETOUCH. Instructions will be on the order forms.

PTO MEETING:

The first PTO meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th @ 3:15 in the Elementary Library.

NURSE'S NOTES

Just a reminder for parents of students in early childhood/pass, K, 6th and 9th grades: Physical forms were due the first day of school. If you have not had your child's physical done, please do so as soon as possible. Remember to sign them even if they are computer system generated there is a place for parent signatures. All children must have immunizations following the current state recommendations. Children who do not have proper physical and immunization paperwork must be excluded from school after October 15th as per Illinois State Law.

Comprehensive vision exams are required for all K students and any new student to an Illinois school and must be submitted by the October 15th deadline as well.

Dental exams are required for all K, 2nd and 6th grade students and must be submitted by May 15th.

Hearing and Vision screenings will be done within the first few months of school. Grades included in the screenings are Pre-K-6, 8, 10, special education, and new students to the district. If your child does not fall into one of these groups and you have a concern with their hearing or vision, please call the nursing office so your child's name can be added to the screening list.

Any medication to be given at school must be submitted to the nursing office with proper paperwork as well. ALL students taking medication at school, even over the counter or emergency medications like inhalers or epi-pens, are required to fill out the proper paperwork for it to be used/carried at school.

Any new or changes in medical history for your child should be forwarded to the nursing office for their medical file.

Generally when a student gets an abrasion or cut at school, it is cleaned and then an antibiotic ointment and a bandage are applied. If you do not wish your child to have this topical medication used, please notify the school nurse.

Music Department

Upcoming Events:

September 6 Fifth Grade Band Recruitment Night – 7:00pm – DHS Music Room

September 7 Dakota High School Marching Band @ Home FB Game

September 8 Dakota High School Marching Band @ NIU Band Day, DeKalb

September 13 Dakota High School Choir @ Home VB Game

September 16 Dakota High School Marching Band @ Monroe Cheese Days Parade, Monroe, WI

September 23 Dakota High School Marching Band @ Home FB Game

September 25 Highland Fall Choral Festival @ HCC for students auditioning for ILMEA

Fifth Grade Beginning Band

Students will make an important decision as they begin Fifth Grade....should I join the band? Joining the band will offer many opportunities for students. On August 27, 28 and 29, students were given a presentation about band and the instruments during the school day. Then on Thursday, August 30th, during the day, students had a chance to try instruments as we conducted mouthpiece testing. Mouthpiece testing will ensure that your student has the proper instrument fit. We worked with each child to find the right instrument for each student based on the sound they can produce and their mouth and body structure.

On September 6th, we will have the Fifth Grade beginning band rental night. This will be held at the High School Music Room at 7:00pm. Information regarding the rental of instruments and purchase of equipment and supplies needed to join band will be presented. If you have a used instrument that you would like your child to use, you should bring this to the meeting to be checked to

make sure it is working properly.

Joining the band and studying music will allow students the opportunity for self expression, creativity and achievement. Music can enhance higher brain function, improve reading and math performance and provide important experiences for students. Band is also FUN! Join the Band!!!

Calling all DHS Band Alumni!

Come re-join the Dakota High School Marching Band at Homecoming this year! We are inviting you to bring your instrument and join us at the Homecoming Game and perform with the current band for our Pre-game show. Homecoming is on October 5th. We will meet for a quick rehearsal in the High School Music Room at 6:00pm. Please plan to arrive at 5:45 to obtain music and instruments. The pregame will take place at approximately 7:15pm. Music for the pregame includes "Zip A Dee Doo Dah", "On Dakota" and "The Star Spangled Banner". Dress for the alumni members is your favorite Maroon and White band shirt, sweatshirt and jeans. RSVP's are required so we can secure an instrument and provide enough music. Please contact Annette Hackbarth, Band Director via email ahackbarth@dakota201.com or phone 844-632-5682 ext. 365 by October 1st. We look forward to you joining us for the evening!!



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Dakota Athletic Boosters are sponsoring their annual Brewery and Winery Tour Saturday, September 29. Please mark your calendars and save the date. We hope to enjoy a beautiful fall day with several stops in and near Madison Wisconsin. There will be fliers available in the 50/50 trailer at the home football games and in both the Elementary and High School offices. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a charter bus ride with snacks, a box lunch and door prizes along the way. If you have any questions email Emily Moyer @ 4furlys@gmail.com or Kathy Sutherland @ shadsuthern@mediacombb.net. Hope to see you there!



Stop by the Booster Trailer at every home football game. There will be new Dakota Apparel samples for order! Also, we want you to try your luck and purchase 50/50 tickets. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2 or an arm's length is \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn and announced during the third period of the Varsity football game. We appreciate your continued support!

We would like to encourage parents to come and join our boosters meetings. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 at the high school! Let's work together to continue to support Dakota Athletics. Our next meeting is September 19. Hope to see you there.



2018-2019 School Academic Calendar

August 16	Teacher Institute
August 17	Teacher Institute
August 20	First full day of student attendance
September 3	No School - Labor Day
September 7	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
October 5	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
October 8	No School - Columbus Day
October 19	End of Quarter 1
October 25	4-7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences
November 1	Early Release @ 1pm – Parent Teacher Conferences 2-7:30
November 9	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
November 21	No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 22	No School - Thanksgiving Day
November 23	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
December 21	End of Quarter 2
December 24-Jan 4	No School - Winter Break
January 7	School Resumes
January 18	No School – Teacher's Institute
January 21	No School – MLK Birthday
February 15	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
February 18	No School – Presidents' Day
March 8	Early Release @ 11:30-SIP Day
March 8	End of Quarter 3
March 25 – March 29	No School – Spring Break
April 19	No School – Good Friday
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 31***	Tentative Last day of Student Attendance
June 3***	Tentative Teacher Institute
***	Tentative Last Day based on using all 5 Snow Days

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

It is hard to believe that it is already August and time to start another school year. This is the time of year that the school health office often receives calls about **PEDICULOSIS** or commonly called Head Lice.

Head lice are pesky little bugs that like to hang out in our hair causing itching and irritation to the scalp.

Lice are commonly found in children and pass from one to the other through direct contact. Lice or eggs do not fly or jump but travel by close head-to-head contact or by picking up a hitch-hiker from soft porous places like bedding, a couch, pillow or hat.

The adult lice live by biting the scalp and feeding off the person's blood. This is generally what causes the "itching" sensation. They lay 3-8 eggs daily onto the base of the hair shaft close to the scalp.

These eggs may appear to look like a small grain of rice or dandruff. They are attached very tightly to the hair with a special adhesive that the adult lice uses when laying the eggs. Approximately 8-10 days later the eggs will hatch and begin feeding themselves.

These new lice will begin reproducing after another couple weeks and the cycle produces many, many lice and eggs to be present. Regular shampooing does not kill the lice and regular combing does not remove the eggs. Special shampoos must be used to kill the lice and a very fine, preferably metal, comb is used to scrape/pull the lice out of the hair.

Vacuuming and cleaning of any soft porous materials will help get ride of any lice waiting to find a human host. It is recommended to shampoo and comb the head with a lice treatment making sure that once treated the head does not come into contact with any items like pillows, couches, combs/brushes, hair ties, carpet or bedding until those areas have been cleaned.

Cleaning recommendations are vacuuming anything made from cloth material (couch/carpet/car seats), boiling any combs/brushes or hair ties, washing any bedding/pillows in as hot of water as possible and then drying in the dryer for at least 30 min. on the hottest setting.

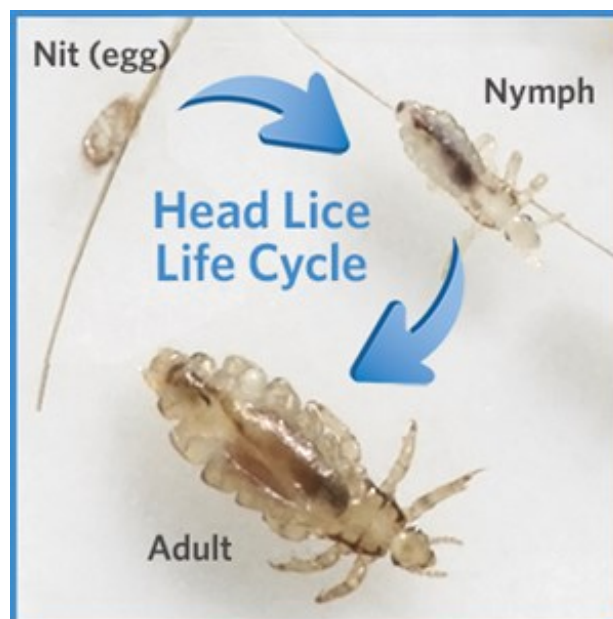
Anything that is porous/soft like stuffed animals/toys that cannot be cleaned should be placed in an airtight bag and sealed up for 2-4 weeks. When a student is found to have head lice at school the family is contacted to pick up their child. The nursing office often has the first treatment available so your child can get treated and returned to school as soon as a treatment has been done. They are checked more frequently to monitor for re-infestation. They

are required to have another treatment in 7-10 days from the first to catch any lice that may have survived the first treatment. We have been very successful at Dakota School and have kept lice infestation to a minor nuisance. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort by asking you to check your children occasionally for any signs of head lice and seeking treatment right away. Before the school year begins and after the winter break are good times to check for this as many children are more social and do sleep-over's during these breaks. The nursing office may be reached at 844/632-5682 with and questions. The Stephenson County Health Dept. is also a good resource if the school cannot be reached. SCHD can be reached at 815/235-8271 or at www.co.stephenson.il.us/health. Many sites are available if you have computer access. A few that I have looked at are included:

www.HeadLice.org

www.headlice-help.com

www.LiceFreee.com



ANNUAL NOTICES

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Dakota School District has comprehensive programs in the areas of vision, hearing, and school achievement. Staff members identify children who would benefit from additional instruction and guidance. The school then makes an attempt to specifically identify areas where help is needed and plan instruction and guidance in those areas. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the planning and carrying out of plans in these areas. If there are areas of disagreement between school personnel and the families involved, every effort will be made to resolve those differences following State regulations. In almost all cases, part of the plan will be to place an identified child in a resource room with a teacher who is specially trained for instruction in those areas. The resource teachers in the Elementary Building are Mrs. Curry, and Mrs. Kuper. The preschool (Early Childhood)/PASS programs teacher is Mrs. Rhode. The resource room teachers in the Jr.-Sr. High School are Mrs. Bradt and Mr. Sheets. In addition to the services provided at Dakota, there are other services in Rockford and Freeport from which some of the students benefit. These include programs for students with hearing difficulties, vision difficulties and physically handicapped to mention some. In some cases, the programs continue up to age 21. All parents have a right to receive, upon request, a copy of the rights of exceptional children and rules pertaining thereto. Please contact your child's building principal or special education teacher.

NOTICE OF RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Illinois School Student Records Act permits publication of directory information (Ill Rev Stat, 1985, ch. 122, par. 50-6e). Information that may be designated as directory information shall be limited to: (a) identifying information: name, address, gender, grade level, birth date and place, and parents' names and address; (b) academic awards, degrees and honors; (c) information in relation to school sponsored activities; organizations and athletics; (d) major field of study; and (e) period of attendance in the school. "Directory Information" may be released to the general public, unless a parent informs the building principal in writing within ten (30) school days after publication of this notice that such information respecting his/her child shall not be released.

Student Records

School Districts must notify parents and students of their rights under the *Illinois School Student Records Act* (ISSRA), 105 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*, and the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g *et seq.* Notification is hereby given concerning the following:

- Information that may be designated as directory information shall be limited to (a) address, e-mail address, gender, grade level, birth date and place, and parents' names and address; (b) academic awards, degrees and honors; (c) information in relation to school sponsored activities, organizations and athletics; (d) major field of student; and (e) period of attendance in the school. "Directory Information" may be released to the general public, unless a parent informs the building principal in writing within ten (10) school days after publication of this notice that such information respecting his/her child shall not be released.

- You may inspect and copy records (following district policy guidelines) within 15 school days from the date of official request.
- Copy (following district policy guidelines) any student records proposed to be destroyed or deleted.
- No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege, or benefit, or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance, the securing by any individual of any information from a student's temporary record which such individual may obtain by the exercise of any right secured by Illinois law.

Military Recruiter's Access to High School Students'

Directory Information

Notification is hereby given that the *No Child Left Behind Act* requires every district serving high school students to provide military recruiters with students' names, addresses and telephone numbers.

- Upon military recruiters' request, the district will provide access to the students' names, addresses, and phone numbers, unless the parent informs the building principal in writing within ten (10) school days after publication of this notice that such information respecting his/her child shall not be released.

Parents' Right to Inspect Particular Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to inspect instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material that will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation of their child. 20 U.S.C. §1232h. Notification is hereby given concerning the following:




- Parents have the right to inspect a survey created by a third party before it is administered and distributed to their student. Surveys will be given to students unless the parent informs the building principal in writing within ten (10) school days after publication of this notice that he/she would like to inspect third party surveys before administration and distribution of said surveys.
- Parents have the right to inspect instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum. Requests for inspections of such materials are made to the building principal in writing giving at least three (3) school days' notice.
- Materials will be available for inspection in the building principals' office.



2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR

Dakota Schools Menu

September 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 No School	4 <i>Eggs & Cheese</i> Pasta w/ Meat Sauce California Blend Pineapple Pretzel Stick	5 <i>Breakfast Sandwich</i> Meatloaf Glazed Carrots Strawberries Bread	6 <i>Oatmeal & Yogurt</i> Chicken Sandwich w/g Bun Broccoli Peaches	7 <i>Cereal</i> Early Release 11:30
10 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pears Dinner Roll	11 <i>Waffle & Bacon</i> Walking Taco Lettuce, Sour Cream, Salsa, Cheese, Tomatoes Fiesta Beans Mixed Fruit	12 <i>Breakfast Sandwich</i> Pizza Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apples & Raisins	13 <i>Bagel Topper</i> Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Oriental Veg Blend Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	14 <i>Muffins</i> Ham & Cheese w/g Bun Sweet Potato Tots Applesauce Sidekick
17 <i>Biscuit & Gravy</i> Chicken Nuggets Mixed Veggies Pineapple Crackers	18 <i>Banana Bread & Yogurt</i> Taco Tuesday Fiesta Corn Craisins	19 <i>Breakfast Sandwich</i> Baked Chicken Broccoli Strawberries Bread	20 <i>Cinnamon Roll & Bacon</i> Meatball Sub On a w/g Bun Mixed Veggies Peaches	21 <i>Bosco Sticks</i> Fish Carrots Applesauce Dinner Roll
24 <i>Pancakes & Sausage</i> Cheeseburger on a W/G Bun Vegetable Blend Pears	25 <i>French Toast</i> Taco Tuesday (Chicken) Corn Fiesta Rice Apple Slices	26 <i>Breakfast Sandwich</i> Turkey Dinner Potatoes Fruit Salad Dinner Roll	27 <i>Breakfast Burrito</i> Lasagna Roll Ups Carrots Peaches Bread Sticks	28 <i>Egg Omelet</i> Pizza Broccoli w/ Dip Side Kick Apple Dippers w/ Caramel
1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL <i>Juice & Fruit served with every breakfast</i>				MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE <small>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office.</small>

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 HSV B @ Var Oregon Tourn
2	3 No School Labor Day	4 HSGolf @ Forreston with Pec 4:00 JHFB @ South Beloit 5:30 JHVB @ Forreston 4:30 HSFB F/S Only vs AFC (H) 5:30	5	6 5th Grade Band Meeting 7:00pm JHVB @ Aquin 5:30 HSV B vs Durand (H) 6:00	7 Early Release 11:30 SIP Day HSFB vs Forreston (H) 5:30	8 Marching Band @ NIU Band Day HSV B Var @ Byron Tourn JHVB @ Oregon Tourn
9	10 JHVB @ Shannon 5:30 HSG vs West Carroll (H) 4:00	11 JHFB @ Forreston 5:30 JHVB vs Stockton (H) 5:30	12 HSGolf @ lena with Pearl City (B&G) 4:00 HSV B @ Pecatonica 5:00 PTO Meeting 3:30	13 HSV B vs Orangeville (H) 6:00	14 High School 7-12 School Picture Day HSFB @ East Dubuque 5:30	15 HSV B vs Sophomore Stillman Valley Tourn HSV B @ Freshmen Oregon Tourn
16 Marching Band @ Monroe Cheese Days Parade	17 HSGolf vs Galena (H) B&G 4:00 JHVB vs Lena (H) 5:30	18 HSGolf @ Aquin/Park Hills (B&G) 4:00 JHFB vs DuPec (H) 5:30 School Board Meeting 6:00pm	19 Elementary School Picture Day JHVB @ Durand 5:30	20 HSV B @ Aquin 5:00	21 HSFB vs DuPec (H) 5:30	22 JHVB @ 7th Pearl City Tourn
23	24	25 JHVB vs South Beloit (H) 5:30 JHFB vs Orangeville (H) 5:30 HSV B @ AFC 5:00	26 JHVB vs Pecatonica (H) 4:30 HSV B @ Durand 6:00	27 JHVB @ Orangeville 5:30 HSG @ LeWin NUIC Meet HSV B vs Amboy (H) 5:00	28 HSFB @ West Carroll 5:30	29

Educational Rights of Illinois' Children & Youth in Homeless Situations

It's your right.....Do you know someone who is homeless and has children or teens needing to get to school?

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO SCHOOL SUCCESS.

Homeless children have the right to:

- Stay in their old school OR
- Go to the school near where they are staying.
- Immediate enrollment, even without records
- Transportation to school, if needed.

Illinois schools have people called liaisons who work to help children and teens who are homeless get to school and stay there. If you have any questions about the educational rights of homeless children and youth in Illinois, you can call any of the following:

Your Local School Homeless Liaison: Bob Prusator (844) 632-5682

The Opening Doors Project: Adult Learning Resource Center (847) 803-3535

Regional Office of Education #8 <http://homelessed.net>

Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (708) 848-0503

Information Hotline IL State Board of Education (800) 215-6379

