

**GULF SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**

Gulf School District's mission is to provide supplemental services to the extent feasible that assist students in their educational endeavors. It is the belief that all students can learn in an environment that is nurturing and structured to the needs of the student. However, the district also recognizes that at times students need additional support services to ensure that the opportunity for a solid education is maximized. Gulf School District's Support Services include:

- Counseling provided by school guidance counselors and if needed outside contracted services;
- Assessment services to determine special needs for academic or behavioral support;
- Free and reduced breakfast and lunch at the elementary and high schools;
- In-house health services rooms staffed by health aides and provided by a collaborative agreement between the Gulf County Health Department and the Gulf County School Board;
- Local benefactors who willingly mentor students financially to provide clothing, school supplies, extra -curricular supplies, and scholarships;
- Teachers who mentor students not only academically but also socially and emotionally;
- After school free tutorial programs for Title I students at the elementary level;
- After school free tutoring for high school students provided by a collaboration between Gulf Coast State College and Gulf School District;
- Extra- curricular opportunities have an open door policy;
- Set asides in Title I to assist homeless students with educational needs.
- Parents are encouraged to be active participants in their child's education by joining advisory councils, meeting with teachers, using free tutorial services and contacting the schools if special services are needed.