

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

No Child Left Behind

McKinney - Vento Act

Ensures Educational Rights and Protection for Youth
and Children Experiencing Homelessness

Who is considered Homeless?

- Children and youth who lack fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:
- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, camp grounds or similar settings due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals;
- Awaiting foster care placement;
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above;
- Unaccompanied youth, including any youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, such as runaways, or youth denied housing by their families.

Homeless Children Have the Right to:

- Free and appropriate education
- Attend and enroll immediately even if unable to provide records required for enrollment
- Enroll or remain in school without a permanent address
- Stay in school of origin (to the extent feasible)
- Go to school where child last attended or school where temporarily living
- Transportation (to the extent feasible)
- Participate in extracurricular activities and/or special education services if eligible
- Written explanation and appeal if educational placement is denied
- Automatically qualify for free and reduced meals at school Information for Families

What families experiencing homelessness need to know:

- Children and youth who are homeless have a right to attend school;
- You do not need to have a permanent address to enroll in school;
- You have the right to attend the school you last attended before becoming homeless (school of origin) if evaluated to be in your best interest;
- Your child has the right to transportation service to and from their school of origin;
- Homeless children and youth have the right to immediate enrollment;
- Enrollment records, including past school records and health records, are not a reason for denial to immediate school enrollment. Help securing these documents can be offered by your school personnel and the Homeless Liaison;
- If enrollment disputes arise, schools must provide you with written explanation and your right to appeal;
- Unaccompanied homeless youth have these same rights.

For additional information and support, contact your school counselor who will also coordinate with Mr. Butch Gross.

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