

McKinney-Vento Law

Who is homeless?

(McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001-Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act)

The term “homeless children and youth”

- A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and
- B. Included—
 - i. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
 - ii. children and youths who have primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings....
 - iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - iv. migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Residency and Educational Rights

Students without fixed, regular, and adequate living situations have the following rights:

1. Immediate enrollment in the school they last attended or the local school where they are currently staying even if they do not have all of the documents normally required at the time of enrollment without fear of being separated or treated differently due to their housing situations;
2. Transportation to the school of origin for the regular school day;
3. Access to free meals, Title I and other educational programs, and transportation to extracurricular activities to the same extent that is offered to other students.

For more information contact the district homeless liaison *Catrina Hogan* at 979-799-1730 ext. 3116.