



McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Title VII, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Act Fact Sheet

What is the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act? It defines “homeless children and youth” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Who is eligible for services? Children and youth living in the following circumstances:

- emergency or traditional shelters,
- motels, hotels, trailer parks or RV campgrounds,
- public or private or places not designated for humans to live,
- cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations,
- children awaiting foster care,
- youth abandoned in hospitals, etc.

What are schools and/or the school district required to do for McKinney Vento-Eligible Children?

- Enroll students in school and allow them to attend classes immediately, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Establish a reasonable amount of time to secure school records, immunizations and other necessary documentation once the students have been enrolled
- Keep students in their school of origin (school that was attended before losing permanent housing) or the school that other students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend

- Enroll students and allow them to attend classes in the school where they are seeking enrollment, even while seeking to resolve a dispute over enrollment
- Provide transportation assistance to the school of origin, if feasible, in the students' best interest and requested by the parent or guardian
- Designate and post the contact information of the local agency's Homeless Education Liaison
- Ensure that students who are identified as homeless have access to the same opportunities (special programs and services, if needed) as provided to all other students
- Provide certain school supplies to homeless student and make sure they receive free meals
- Post notices of the educational rights of students who experience instability or housing loss

If your situation falls in any of the above-mentioned categories or you are unsure and have questions or concerns about your status or the status of another family, please contact

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