

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) with amendments taking effect on October 1, 2016. This act requires children and youth in homeless situations to be identified and receive appropriate services.

Homeless children or youth are students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

This applies to children and unaccompanied youth who are sharing housing of other persons, those living in motels, shelters, campsites and transitional housing.



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Homeless Education Rights and Information



McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Rights

Enrollment for Homeless Children and Youth

Students may **immediately** enroll even if you have:

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

To enroll in or attend school if you live under these conditions, you do not need to provide:

- Proof of residency
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization records
- Legal guardianship papers

Homeless students are guaranteed enrollment in school if they live:

- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the street
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth

Homeless students have the right to remain in their school of origin for the duration of homelessness with transportation to the school of origin.

Homeless students shall receive free nutrition services.

Parents shall consult with the district Homeless Education Coordinators regarding educational rights, responsibilities and for dispute resolution.

