

McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

Title IX-A The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Act ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness and includes:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school even without giving a permanent address.
- The right to attend school in the school of origin (if requested and is feasible), or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.
- The right to receive transportation to the school of origin.
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates.
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness.
- The posting of homeless student rights in all schools and other places around the community.

The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to identify and count students experiencing homelessness as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. Identification of homeless students under McKinney-Vento is a yearlong process and is completed upon receipt of the Residency form at the time of enrollment or when housing situation changes.

Qualifying Living Situations:

- Sharing the housing of other person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason,
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations,
- Living in emergency transitional shelters,
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodations for human beings,
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar setting.
- *Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – a child or youth who meets the MV definition and is **NOT** in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.*