



McKinney-Vento Information

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act ensures the educational rights and protection of homeless children and youth, so that they may enroll in school, attend, regularly, and be successful. The legislation requires a local education liaison in every school district to assist children and unaccompanied youth in their efforts to attend school.

This act guarantees homeless children and youth the following:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork required for enrollment.
- The right to attend school in his/her school of origin (if this is requested by the parent 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 his/her school of origin, if this is requested by the parent.
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited.
- The posting of homeless students' rights in all schools and other places around the community.

Who is Considered to be in a McKinney-Vento situation?

The term "homeless children and youth" as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in hotels, motels, 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.
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for our ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus/train stations or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle, because the children are living in circumstances described above.

If you have any questions regarding homeless status and provision of educational services, please contact: Kathy Brant, McKinney Vento liaison at 847-678-3683 or at kbrant@sd81.org