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## **Homeless/Displaced Services**

### **Abingdon/Avon CUSD #276**

Based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education of Children and Youth Program

The Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276 endeavored to ensure that students who do not have a fixed, regular, and/or adequate nighttime residence receive the same rights to an education as other students. Our goal is to identify and remove any barriers for enrollment, as well as to help students be as successful as possible in school, during a difficult situation.

#### **What situations/conditions constitute the designation of “homeless and/or displaced?”**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless children and youth” as:

1. Students and families who lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime housing, which includes sharing a house (doubling up) with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason, This can include staying with relatives or friends.
2. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, train or bus stations, campgrounds, substandard housing, and any public space or abandoned building due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations based on the reasons listed in number 1 above.
3. Living in emergency or transitional housing.
4. Abandoned in hospitals
5. Awaiting foster care placement.
6. Students and families who are migratory.
7. A student who is “unaccompanied,” which is defined as a youth not in the physical custody of their parent(s) or guardian(s), such as runaways, student denied housing by their families, such as students being abandoned or kicked out of the house, and school-age unwed mothers living in a home for unwed mothers due to no other adequate options.

**What assistance from Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276 can one expect after being designated “homeless or displaced?”**

1. Automatic enrollment in Free-Lunch program
2. Assistance with school supplies and health/clothing needs as resources allow.
3. After-school tutoring
4. Health referrals
5. Assistance with student records, physicals, and/or immunizations.
6. Emergency transportation to and from school.
7. Immediate enrollment if from another school district with the initial need for student records.
8. Book and athletic fees, if any, waived.
9. Waiving of a field trip fee if that trip is curriculum related and part of the student’s grade.
10. Other assistance as determined appropriate by the Superintendent and Homeless Liaison.

**What must I do to initiate this process?**

Either download the McKinney-Vento Homeless Common Form found in the link below, or call your child’s school office and request a form. Return the form to your building Secretary and they will forward the form on to the Homeless Liaison. You will be contacted for verification of information and the student will then be listed in Skyward and SIS as “homeless,” eligible for the assistance from the school mentioned earlier. ***Any change in this identification must be immediately reported to the student’s school office.*** Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276’s Homeless Liaison is Tina Stier. If you have any questions, requests, or concerns, you may contact her at 309-465-3708 or email at [tstier@atown276.net](mailto:tstier@atown276.net).

**Important information**

*School phone numbers:*

Avon Elementary School - 309-465-3851  
Hedding Grade School - 309-462-2363  
Abingdon-Avon Middle School - 309-465-3621  
Abingdon-Avon High School - 309-462-2338

*Application Form:*

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Common Form -  
[http://www.isbe.net/homeless/pdf/83-04H\\_affidavit.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/homeless/pdf/83-04H_affidavit.pdf)

*Website for additional information:*

<http://www.isbe.net/homeless/default.htm>

