

KIRBY School District

Information for Homeless Children and Youth
The Right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

KIRBY School District Homeless Policy

The KIRBY School District recognizes its obligation to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other children within the district. The district shall remove barriers to enrollment and provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students. Students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

The designated homeless liaison shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

Legal Reference: H.R.1, Public Law 107-110, reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) 2001, Title X, Part-Homeless Education, Subtitle B of Title VII, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 2002: Education for Homeless Children and Youth (42 USC 11432 et seq.) Sections 721-726.

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Resources and Organizations

- National Coalition for the Homeless: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>
 - National Association of the Education of Homeless Children and Youth: <http://naehcy.org>
 - National Law Center for Homeless and Poverty: <http://www.nlchp.org>
 - National Network for Youth: <http://www.NN4Youth.org>
 - National Center for Homeless Education: <http://www.serve.org/nche>
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FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. Who is homeless?

A. Anyone who, due to lack of housing, lives:

- in a shelter
- in a motel
- in a vehicle
- in a campground

- on the street
- doubled up with relatives or friends

Q. Where can homeless children and youth attend school?

A. The school in which the child or youth was last enrolled (school of origin) or the school in the attendance area where the child or youth is temporarily living

Q. Can students experiencing homelessness be denied enrollment if the parent/guardian does not have proof of residency?

A. NO. The parent/guardian may sign an affidavit stating that the family is staying in temporary accommodations.

Q. What if the parent/guardian does not have the school records for a child experiencing homelessness?

A. Ask that the homeless child or youth be enrolled in school until the records arrive.

Ask that a student's immunization records be transferred over the phone from the sending school to the receiving school.

Contact your school district, principal, counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns.

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