

McKinney-Vento: Overview and Services Information

McKinney-Vento Act – Definition of Homelessness:

- ❖ Homeless children and youth are individuals who lack a **fixed, regular and adequate** nighttime residence.
 - *Sharing the housing of others (“doubled-up”) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;*
 - *Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;*
 - *Living in emergency and transitional shelters;*
 - *Awaiting foster care placement;*
 - *Unsheltered;*
 - *Unaccompanied youth who have runaway or who are denied housing by their guardians*

Main Themes of McKinney-Vento

- ❖ School stability
- ❖ School accesses
- ❖ Support for academic success
- ❖ Child-centered, best interest decision making

McKinney-Vento Requires Districts to:

- ❖ Appoint a Homeless Coordinator
- ❖ Actively identify homeless children & youth
- ❖ Determine school of best interest with family
- ❖ Provide transportation to school of best interest
- ❖ Remove all barriers to enrollment & success
- ❖ Inform parents, school staff, and others of rights of homeless students
- ❖ Facilitate resolution of disputes

Educational Protections:

- ❖ Immediate enrollment, even lacking paperwork
- ❖ Concepts of “school of origin” and “school of best interest”
- ❖ Right to transportation
- ❖ Right to comparable and non-segregated services
- ❖ Right to complete the school year at one school if feasible
- ❖ Access to free breakfast and lunch program
- ❖ Access to Title 1 services

Additional Services the Hannibal School District may provide to Homeless Students:

- ❖ Outreach, case management, and support services
- ❖ School supplies, backpacks, school clothes and other daily living and enrichment items

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- ❖ Tutoring to help students catch up and stay current
- ❖ Funds for activity and educational field trip fees
- ❖ Funds to replace textbooks, library books,
- ❖ Funds to purchase books for students to own through school book fairs and Barnes and Noble
- ❖ Transportation for students to attend school, extra-curricular activities, and tutoring
- ❖ Transportation for families to attend conferences and school events
- ❖ Funds to purchase birth certificates
- ❖ Hygiene items
- ❖ Mental health counseling
- ❖ Scholarships for before- and after-school programs
- ❖ Scholarships for participation in early childhood education programs
- ❖ Shelter-based early literacy activities

Hannibal School District #60 may access private donations to help homeless students with:

- ❖ Graduation expenses
- ❖ Yearbooks
- ❖ School pictures
- ❖ Class rings
- ❖ Recreational field trips
- ❖ Prom/Homecoming outfits

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) www.serve.org/nche
- DESE - Division of School Improvement: Homeless Children and Youth
<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/fedprog/discretionarygrants/homeless/index.html>
- The National Center on Family Homelessness www.familyhomelessness.org
- National Coalition for the Homeless www.nationalhomeless.org
- National Law Center of Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP) www.nlchp.org
- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEH CY)
www.naehcy.org

Hannibal Alliance for Youth Success (HAYS) is a resource and partner with the district in supporting homeless youth and families.



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DECLARATION OF LEGAL RESIDENCE/HOMELESS ENROLLMENT

Name of Student	Name of Individual with Whom Student Resides		
Student Home Address	Grade	Phone Number	School

To be eligible for admission to the Hannibal School District #60 (167.020 RSMo), the student must live in the district and is domiciled there. The domicile of the student shall be that of the student's parent, military guardian pursuant to a military guardianship, or court-appointed legal guardian.

Check One:

- The above student resides with their parent in the Hannibal School District.
- The above student resides with their legal guardian in the Hannibal School District (**A copy of the court order appointing the legal guardian must be provided.**)
- The above student resides with a military guardian in the Hannibal School District (SB944).
- The above student meets the eligibility to be called Homeless (person less than 21 years of age who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including a student who is living on the street, living in a community shelter facility, etc.)
 - Are you sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons? Yes__No__
 - Are you currently residing at a motel , hotel, in a car, or at a campsite because your home has been damaged, or because of economic reasons? Yes__No__
 - Are you currently residing in a shelter? Yes__No__
 - Are you currently living in temporary housing arrangement due to economic hardship? Yes__No__

In the event that a student should have a hardship with good cause, they should apply for a waiver at the Board of Education office, 4650 McMasters Avenue.

1. I declare that my legal residence is that given above and the student named above lives with me full-time at the address given above. I also declare that the information stated above is correct and give permission for the school official to verify if questions arise.
2. I understand that if this student is admitted under false information, she/he is not legally enrolled and will not be allowed to continue attending school.
3. I understand that if there is any complaint about this student's residence or any reason for the school district to believe enrollment is not permissible under the Public School Law of Missouri or Hannibal School District policies, the district will take action to further verify residence, including but not limited to, follow-up visits by school officials.
4. I understand that **retroactive tuition** can be charged if my residence is found to be in non-compliance with school law.

I hereby certify that I have read the above statements and understand that I am required to list my present home address. I further certify by my signature that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct and that I shall notify the school if my address is changed at any time during the school year.

Signature of Parent, Legal Guardian, Military Guardian

Date

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Homeless Enrollment Form

The term "homeless children and youth" —

A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and

B. includes —

- i. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- ii. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings...;
- iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- iv. migratory children...who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

These questions cover the definition of homelessness that is within the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

1. Are you sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason? Explain if it is a similar reason. ___ yes ___no

Explain: _____

2. Are you currently residing at a motel, hotel, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations? ___ yes ___no

3. Are you currently residing in an emergency or transitional shelter? ___ yes ___no

4. Has the student been abandoned in a hospital? ___ yes ___no

5. Is your primary nighttime residence a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings? ___ yes ___no

6. Are you currently living in a car, park, public space, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train station or similar setting? ___ yes ___no