



If you or your family is experiencing some form of homelessness due to economic hardship, you may be eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act that can help during the enrollment process and throughout the school year for your student(s).

These services allow supports for your student(s) with their educational needs and connects families to resources for basic needs the school district cannot provide.

McKinney-Vento Act Definition:

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:

- Children and youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Children and youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Children and youth living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Children and youth abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth whose primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g. park benches, etc)
- Children and youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- Migratory children and youth living in any of the above situation
- Children or youth living in any of these situations without a legal guardian (Unaccompanied Homeless Youth)

If you believe your family may qualify under any of these circumstances, please contact:

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Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Our liaison will work with you to determine your eligibility and help you navigate the process.