



The school district shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have equal access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the education rights for homeless children, youth, and youth not living with a parent or guardian, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

McKinney-Vento Services

You may be eligible if your family lives

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternate adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Unaccompanied Youth – Children who have left home for any reason

McKinney-Vento Rights and Supports

Your McKinney-Vento eligible children have the right to

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.*If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you have questions about the rights of homeless students please contact the school district liaison, info below, or the Regional Office of Education Regional Liaison, Amanda Isringhausen at 217-243-1804 ext.2.

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