

*McKinney/Vento
Education and the Law 101
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Who Are Homeless?

Under McKinney Vento:
Individuals who lack a
fixed, regular, and
adequate nighttime
residence, including youth
who are:

- Sharing a house due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate housing.
- Living in emergency or transitional housing.
- Abandoned in hospitals.



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- **Awaiting foster care placement.**

- **Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or bus/train stations.**
- **Children and Youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleep accommodations.**
- **Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in the circumstances described above.**

Where Do Homeless Children and Youth Stay?

- Emergency Housing Shelters
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Transitional Housing Programs
- Drop-In Centers
- Hotels/Motels/Cabins
- Doubled Up
- On the street
- Emergency Foster Care Homes



Students in Homeless Situations Have the Right to :

- **Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.**
- **Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless**
- **Receive transportation to the school they attended before their family became homeless, if possible**
- **Receive the same programs and services that are provided to all other children**

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- **Automatically qualify for free breakfast and lunch**
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- **Enroll in a new school without immunization, proof of residential status, school records, proof of guardianship or other documents.**
- **Go to school with children who are not homeless**
- **Receive information and referrals to health, mental health, dental and other services.**
- **Have disagreements settled quickly and go to the school they chose while disagreements are settled.**

How Does McKinney/Vento Impact MPS and SPPS?

Policies and Procedures

- Board Policy
- Enrollment Procedures
- Free Meals
- Transportation

What Are We Accountable For?

- ✓ Enrollment
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Academic
Achievement

Transportation

Is provided by school buses, taxis, metro transit and alternative routes provided by the district transportation department.



Academic Achievement

- Is Data Driven

Is provided at many sites in both districts and at shelters

As A Result:

Teacher instruction need to be individualized



Accountability

The Minnesota Department of Education Requires Extensive Data Collection and Reporting

- Test Scores
- Attendance
- Enrollment History
- Demographics of students served
- Student's Living Situations

What Can You Do?

- Let families, children and youth know about McKinney Vento Educational Rights
- Use district homeless liaisons as resources (interpretation of the law, legislative action, or needs assessments)
- Understand how education is a solution to ending homelessness
- Invite school districts to participate in community meetings regarding homelessness

Quiz

Question and Answer

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