



McKinney-Vento Education Program

- The federal McKinney-Vento Act protects the rights of children and youths in **homeless situations (a temporary housing situation, who are facing a housing hardship)** to attend and succeed in school.
- The McKinney-Vento Act applies to all children and youths who **do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate residence**, including those who are staying with friends or relatives because they have lost their housing; are awaiting foster care placement; or are living in emergency or transitional shelters, motels, domestic violence shelters, campgrounds, inadequate trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or bus and train stations.

Children and youths in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Choose the local school where they are now living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled.
- Enroll in school without immunization, school records, proof of residency, or birth certificates and other such documents
- Be provided with transportation to and from school.
- Be free from harassment and isolation.
- Have any disagreements with the school settled quickly.

*The McKinney-Vento Education Act is a federal law; therefore, it supersedes all state laws and school district policies.

*This law does not recognize school district, county or state borders.

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