

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."

Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy has a responsibility to ensure that school district personnel and community members, including those eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act are aware of the Act and its provisions. An important component of awareness is the ability to recognize the signs of homelessness. Please click on the link below to obtain more detailed information regarding this Act.

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

Any student being identified as homeless should be enrolled immediately, even if they lack normally required documents, such as immunization records or proof of residence. The student should then be reported to school's homeless liaison to ensure all needs are being met including but not limited to, access to a computer, internet access and transportation to and from state testing.

Process:

1. Student is identified as homeless and is reported the Student Support Liaison. To help assist with identification and notifying the homeless liaison, fill out the McKinney-Vento form.
2. Liaison contacts the family to help ensure all needs are being met. Student needs are addressed on a case by case basis.
3. Operations Manager reports student to District State Reporter to have note made in state site.
4. If there is a dispute both parties (school and family) follow the dispute resolution policy.