

## BENEFITS OF STUDENTS STAYING IN THE SAME SCHOOL

Transitioning families may move multiple times per year.

It takes a child 4-6 months to recover academically after a move.

Schools provide stability for not only students, but also families.

McKinney-Vento Act gives rights to transitioning families to stay in the school of origin for at least a year or school of residence, whichever is in the best interest of the student.

Enrollment can be difficult. If you qualify as a family in transition you will have support obtaining documents and immediate enrollment.

Qualifying families may receive assistance with school supplies, tutoring, and other academic programs.

Eligible families will have support in removing barriers that may impede their student's ability to learn.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU MOVE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

If you have lost permanent housing during the school year you have the right to: (1) remain in school last attended, or (2) attend school of residence for the remainder of the current school year.

If you decide to move to another district, below are the district contacts for the Northern Kentucky Homeless Education Collaborative.

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## NORTHERN KENTUCKY HOMELESS EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE



Sharing Knowledge, Expertise  
and Resources to Meet Diverse  
Educational Needs of Our Students  
Experiencing Homelessness



  
**McKinney-Vento**  
Serving Students In Transition

## WHO ARE FAMILIES IN TRANSITION?

Is your family living in a temporary or inadequate housing situation?

### EXAMPLES ARE

Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.

Living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations.

Living in emergency or transitional shelters.

Living in private or public places not meant for human living.

Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations.

Unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of their parent or guardian.

**If any of these apply you may be eligible for certain educational rights and services.**

## RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO LAW

### STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO

Enroll in school without having a permanent residence.

Access to enrollment, even without possessing all of their paperwork - for example, medical/health records, proof of residence, and former school records.

Remain in their school of origin ("school of origin" means the school last attended prior to loss of housing).

Immediate access and participation in all school programs and services - including migrant and vocational education, school nutrition programs (free breakfast and lunch), extracurricular activities and special education services for those who qualify.

Contact your child's Homeless Coordinator to discuss school transportation options.

Access to a dispute resolution process through the Kentucky Department of Education should there be a disagreement on how the McKinney-Vento Act applies to their situation.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### What school may student attend if in transition?

The student's best interest will be considered in determining placement at the school last attended or where they are temporarily housed.

### What happens if you obtain permanent residence during the school year?

Your student will have the option to remain in the same school for the remainder of the school year.

### What happens if a family loses housing over the summer?

The Coordinator will discuss student's best interest and feasibility of remaining in school last attended or where temporarily housed.

### Can schools tell anyone that a student and their family are homeless?

**NO!** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires school districts to protect privacy of students.

### How quickly can a student be enrolled?

The school must enroll even without records and will assist families with required documentation.

### How will the student get to school?

Transportation options can be discussed by contacting the Homeless Coordinator in your school district.